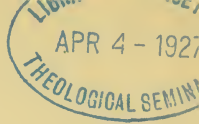






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SYNOD OF NEW-YORK

A. D. 1882.

The SYNOD OF NEW-YORK, as constituted by the ACT of the GENERAL ASSEMBLY, in session in the City of BUFFALO, N. Y., on the 27th day of May, A. D. 1881, met on Tuesday, the 17th day of October, A. D. 1882, at half-past seven o'clock P. M., in the FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH of UTICA, N. Y., and was opened with a sermon by the Convener, and Moderator *pro tempore*, the Rev. HENRY A. NELSON, D. D., of the Presbytery of Geneva, on Luke xix, 13, "Occupy till I come."

After the sermon, the Synod was constituted with prayer.

The Moderator *pro tempore* announced that, in accordance with the authority given by the last General Assembly, he had appointed the Rev. Messrs. ALBERT T. CHESTER, D. D., of the Presbytery of Buffalo, J. ASPINWALL HODGE, D. D., of the Presbytery of Westchester, and J. WILFORD JACKS, of the Presbytery of Geneva, Temporary Clerks, to make out the roll, and assist in the constitution of the Synod.

The roll was called, and the following Ministers and Ruling Elders were found to be present:

THE ROLL OF THE SYNOD.

I. PRESBYTERY OF ALBANY.

<i>Ministers.</i>	<i>Churches.</i>	<i>Ruling Elders.</i>
Peter Stryker, D. D.,	Saratoga Springs, First,	William B. Taylor.
Webster W. Belden, D. D.,	Hamilton Union.	
Francis Dyer,	Mayfield Centre.	
James N. Crocker,		
John McC. Holmes, D. D.,	Albany, State Street.	

<i>Ministers.</i>	<i>Churches.</i>	<i>Ruling Elders.</i>
Oliver Hemstreet.		
Alexander S. Hoyt,	Ballston Centre.	
Alphonso R. Olney,	Ballston Spa.	
James H. Ecob, D. D.,	Albany, Second,	James H. McClure.
Clarence W. Backus,	Charlton.	
Timothy G. Darling, D. D.,	Schenectady, First,	John Foster.
Charles Wood,	Albany, Fourth.	
Horace C. Stanton,	Albany, Third.	
Albert F. Vedder,	West Milton.	
Isaac O. Rankin,	Nassau.	
Henry A. Lewis,	Carlisle.	
Charles G. Matteson,	West Troy.	
William P. Gibson,	Conklingville.	
	Greenbush,	Chester G. Ham.
	Johnstown,	Talmadge L. Parsons.
	Schenectady, E. Ave.,	James W. Morse.
	Saratoga Springs, 2d,	Edward D. Selden.
	West Galway,	William Knox.

II. PRESBYTERY OF BINGHAMTON.

Julius S. Pattengill,	Windsor.	
Sabin McKinney.		
Jacob G. Miller, D. D.,	Marathon.	
Isaac G. Ogden,	Nineveh.	
John McVey,	Binghamton, North,	Myron L. Jones.
Samuel Dunham,	Binghamton, West,	Harvey J. Gaylord.
G. Parsons Nicholls, D. D.,	Binghamton, First,	James B. Gregg.
Richard A. Clark.		
Nathan B. Knapp,	Preble.	
Luther A. Ostrander,	Owego.	
Stephen G. Hopkins,	Deposit.	
Edward W. Lake,	Whitney's Point.	
J. Lovejoy Robertson,	Cortland,	Henry Benton.

III. PRESBYTERY OF BOSTON.

John P. Watson.	
Charles C. Wallace, D. D.,	Newburyport, First.
Wm. Brenton Greene, Jr.,	Boston, First.

IV. PRESBYTERY OF BROOKLYN.

Adam McClelland, D. D.,	Brooklyn, Fort Greene,	James Sample.
David R. Frazer, D. D.,	Brooklyn, Classon Ave.,	George Hannah.
	Brooklyn, Lafayette Ave.,	Gurdon Burchard.
	Brooklyn, South 3d St.,	George B. Cole.

V. PRESBYTERY OF BUFFALO.

<i>Ministers.</i>	<i>Churches.</i>	<i>Ruling Elders.</i>
Albert T. Chester, D. D.		
Samuel N. Robinson,	East Hamburg.	
T. Ralston Smith, D. D.,	Buffalo, Westminster,	Stephen M. Clement.
William Waith,	Lancaster.	
Chalon Burgess,	Silver Creek.	
Cornelius S. Stowits,	Westfield,	Joseph H. Plumb.
	Buffalo, Central,	Oscar Cobb.
	Buffalo, Calvary,	Edward J. Hall.

VI. PRESBYTERY OF CAYUGA.

Samuel M. Hopkins, D. D.		
Ezra A. Huntington, D. D.		
Edwin Benedict,	Genoa, Second.	
Charles Hawley, D. D.,	Auburn, First.	
R. B. Welch, D. D., LL. D.,		
Ova H. Seymour,	Port Byron.	
A. J. Upson, D. D., LL. D.		
Willis J. Beecher, D. D.		
Almon R. Hewitt,	Weedsport,	William J. Cornwell.
Wallace B. Lucas,	Meridian.	
Melancthon W. Stryker,	Ithaca,	Charles F. Blood.
Charles C. Hemenway,	Auburn, Central.	
George B. Stewart,	Auburn, Calvary.	
Charles T. Burnley,	Sennett,	John S. Atwater.
William H. Albright.	Auburn, Second.	
Giles H. Dunning,	Dryden.	
William A. Barr,	Aurora.	

VII. PRESBYTERY OF CHAMPLAIN.

Andrew M. Millar,	Burke.
Peter J. H. Myers,	Chazy.
Chandler N. Thomas,	Fort Covington.

VIII. PRESBYTERY OF CHEMUNG.

Alexander O. Peloubet,	Mecklenburgh,	George W. Bodle.
Franklin S. Howe,	Burdett.	
Charles C. Carr,	Horse Heads.	
Augustus W. Cowles, D. D.		
Stanley D. Jewell,	Big Flats,	Stephen T. Owen.
	Elmira, First,	Moses S. Converse.
	Watkins,	Tyler H. Abbey.

IX. PRESBYTERY OF COLUMBIA.

<i>Ministers.</i>	<i>Churches.</i>	<i>Ruling Elders.</i>
George W. Warner,	Canaan Four Corners.	
George A. Howard, D. D.,	Catskill.	
Cyrus L. Offer,	Cairo.	
Leonard W. Church,	New Lebanon.	
George C. Yeisley,	Hudson.	

X. PRESBYTERY OF GENESEE.

Andrew B. Morse.		
Stephen F. Drew,	Oakfield.	
Theron L. Waldo,	Le Roy and Bergen.	
William W. Totheroh,	Le Roy,	William R. Hulbert.
E. Wilmot Cummings,	Elba,	Joseph E. Wilford.
	Batavia,	Edward C. Walker.

XI. PRESBYTERY OF GENESEE VALLEY.

John C. Taylor,	Cuba.
John R. Findley.	
French W. Fisher,	Portville.

XII. PRESBYTERY OF GENEVA.

William Hogarth, D. D.,	Geneva, North,	Thompson C. Maxwell.
Henry A. Nelson, D. D.,	Geneva, First,	Robert J. Swan.
J. Jermain Porter, D. D.,	Phelps,	Geo. C. Pritchard, M. D.
Alfred M. Stowe.		
Ezra Jones.		
D. Henry Palmer,	Penn Yan,	Charles W. Taylor.
Hugh W. Torrence,	Ovid.	
Hiram H. Kellogg,	Seneca Castle,	Henry J. Peck.
J. Wilford Jacks,	Romulus,	Daniel D. Johnson.
John F. McLaury,	Canoga,	John H. Tooker.
Lewis H. Morey,	Seneca Falls.	
Edgar P. Salmon,	Oak's Corners.	
	Canandaigua,	Noah T. Clarke.
	Bellona,	Firman R. Rappleye.
	Seneca,	William P. Rupert.

XIII. PRESBYTERY OF HUDSON.

Amasa S. Freeman, D. D.	Haverstraw, Central.	
Alfred P. Botsford,	Port Jervis.	
James J. McMahon,	Haverstraw, First,	Brewster J. Allison.
James M. Dickson,	Goodwill.	

<i>Ministers.</i>	<i>Churches.</i>	<i>Ruling Elders.</i>
Henry A. Harlow.		
John R. Lewis,	Middletown, First.	
Eben B. Cobb,	Ramapo,	Eli Beard.
John E. Lloyd,	Nyack,	Daniel D. Demarest.
	Goshen,	John Valentine.

XIV. PRESBYTERY OF LONG ISLAND.

Andrew Shiland, D. D.,	Southampton.	
Epher Whitaker, D. D.,	Southold.	
William B. Lee,	Yaphank,	Edward L. Gerard.
Alexander W. Sproull,	Sag Harbor.	
Hamilton B. Holmes,	Moriches.	
William H. Littell,	Setauket.	
Joseph W. Earnshaw,	Greenport.	

XV. PRESBYTERY OF LYONS.

Chauncey Francisco.		
Silas McKinney,	Junius.	
William A. Rice,	Wolcott, First,	Eustace Henderson.
William H. Bates,	Galen.	
John P. Richardson,	Sodus,	Lewis H. Clark.
Warren H. Landon,	Palmyra,	Franklin Williams.
	Lyons,	Stephen D. Vanwickle.

XVI. PRESBYTERY OF NASSAU.

Peter D. Oakey,	Springfield.	
Alexander G. Russell,	Oyster Bay.	
Arthur H. Allen,	Islip.	
	Babylon,	John B. Field.

XVII. PRESBYTERY OF NEW-YORK.

S. Irenaeus Prime, D. D.		
John Hall, D. D.,	N. Y., Fifth Avenue.	
Charles A. Stoddard, D. D.,	N. Y., Washington Heights.	
Erskine N. White, D. D.,	N. Y., West 23d St.	
Howard Crosby, D. D., LL. D.,	N. Y., Fourth Ave.,	Warner Van Norden.
Charles C. Darling.		
William W. Page,	N. Y., New-York.	
Henry T. Hunter.		
Edward M. Deems,	N. Y., Westminster.	
	N. Y., University Place,	John H. Dey.
	N. Y., Fourth,	Frederick Blume.
	N. Y., Eighty-fourth St..	Kiliaen Van Rensselaer.

XVIII. PRESBYTERY OF NIAGARA.

<i>Ministers.</i>	<i>Churches.</i>	<i>Ruling Elders.</i>
Edw. B. Walsworth, D. D.,	Albion,	Henry Sears.
Dwight Scovel.	Wilson,	Richard C. Holmes.

XIX. PRESBYTERY OF NORTH RIVER.

Fenwick T. Williams,	Highland Falls.	
Joseph K. Wight.		
Frederick B. Savage,	Newburgh, Union.	
	Newburgh, First,	Charles E. Snyder.

XX. PRESBYTERY OF OROOMIAH.

[None.]

[None.]

XXI. PRESBYTERY OF OTSEGO.

Pliny F. Sanborne,	Springfield.	
Henry U. Swinnerton, Ph.D.,	Cherry Valley.	
Horace H. Allen,	Oneonta.	
Leonard E. Richards,	Stamford.	
James H. Robinson,	Delhi, First.	
Albert C. Bishop,	Unadilla.	
Frank W. Townsend,	New Berlin.	
Frank H. Coffran,	Middlefield Centre.	
David M. Rankin,	Richfield Springs,	Horace C. Walter.
Charles S. Barrett.	Gilbertsville,	Thomas Cope.

XXII. PRESBYTERY OF ROCHESTER.

Joseph R. Page, D. D.,	Brighton.	
Levi Parsons, D. D.,	Mount Morris.	
Herman C. Riggs, D. D.,	Rochester, St. Peter's.	
Alex. McA. Thorburn,	Ogden.	
Corliss B. Gardner,	Rochester, Westminster.	
Horace P. V. Bogue,	Avon, Central.	
Newton J. Conklin,	Geneseo, First.	
Newton H. Bell,	Nunda.	
Josiah E. Kittredge,	Geneseo Village.	
	Rochester, Brick,	Louis Chapin.
	Wheatland,	Daniel C. McPherson.
	Dansville,	David D. McNair.
	Rochester, Central,	William Alling.

XXIII. PRESBYTERY OF ST. LAWRENCE.

<i>Ministers.</i>	<i>Churches.</i>	<i>Ruling Elders.</i>
Tryon Edwards, D. D.,	Gouverneur,	Melville H. Thrall.
L. Merrill Miller, D. D.,	Oswegatchie, First.	
Joseph A. Canfield,	Theresa,	Roselle C. Collis.
James Gardner, D. D.,	Canton,	Gilbert B. Manley.
Henry M. Dodd,	Dexter.	
James S. Root,	Adams.	
P. Miles Snyder,	Carthage.	
	Oswegatchie, Second,	Hugh Witherhead.
	Brownville,	Ezra B. Pratt.

XXIV. PRESBYTERY OF SIAM.

[None.]

[None.]

XXV. PRESBYTERY OF STEUBEN.

John Waugh,	Cohocton.	
Benjamin F. Millard,	Naples.	
William A. Niles, D. D.,	Hornellsville.	
James M. Platt,	Bath,	Tenney K. Gage.
Lawrence M. Stevens,	Prattsburgh.	
Samuel W. Pratt,	Campbell.	
William H. Rice,		
	Corning,	Hon. John N. Hungerford.

XXVI. PRESBYTERY OF SYRACUSE.

Jeremiah Petrie,	Pompey.	
David Torrey, D. D.		
David Tully, D. D.,	Oswego, First,	Stephen G. Howe.
James A. Skinner.		
Charles W. Maccarthy,	Constantia.	
Nelson Millard, D. D.,	Syracuse, First,	Nathan Cobb.
Marcus N. Preston,	Skaneateles,	Heman D. Fulton.
Edward G. Thurber,	Syracuse, Park Central,	Thomas Hooker.
George Bayless,	Mexico.	
Henry H. Stebbins,	Oswego, Grace,	Gilbert Mollison.
David I. Biggar,	Camillus.	
Charles S. Durfee,	Liverpool.	
Isaac Swift,	East Syracuse.	
Alfred H. Fahnestock,	Syracuse, First Ward.	
Benjamin B. Dayton,	Amboy.	
S. Edwin Koons,	Hannibal,	Eliab Scott.
Wilton Merle Smith,	Cazenovia,	E. Dwight Loomis.
Vernon N. Yergin,	Jordan.	

<i>Ministers.</i>	<i>Churches.</i>	<i>Ruling Elders.</i>
Charles F. Janes.	La Fayette, Baldwinsville, Fulton,	Leman R. Gaylord. D. Burr Giddings. James G. Benedict.

XXVII. PRESBYTERY OF TROY.

Philander Barbour,	Malta.	
Andrew J. Fennel, D. D.,	Glens Falls.	
Stephen Bush, D. D.,	Pittstown.	
John Tatlock, D. D.,	Hoosic Falls,	Elisha S. Peck.
William M. Johnson, D. D.,	Cohoes,	Horace B. Silliman.
William Irvin, D. D.,	Troy, Second,	John Harrison.
Ninian B. Remick,	Troy, Ninth,	Calvin B. Sims.
Teunis S. Hamlin,	Troy, Woodside.	
Donald McGregor,	Troy, Park,	Samuel Thompson.
Robert J. Jones.		
William Reed,	Troy, Mt. Ida Memorial.	
Titus Elwood Davis,	Schaghticoke,	William P. Bliss.
Robert Barbour,	Caldwell,	Francis G. Crosby.
William Bryant,	Argyle.	
William H. Sybrandt,	Troy, Oakwood Avenue,	William S. Van Vleck.
David M. Hunter,	Salem,	Elijah G. Atwood.
	Lansingburgh, First,	James E. Buell.
	Troy, Westminster,	Edward N. Dauchy.
	Green Island,	John Crawford.

XXVIII. PRESBYTERY OF UTICA.

Nicholas W. Goertner, D. D.		
Selden Haines, D. D.		
Daniel C. Tyler.		
Edward C. Pritchett.		
Elliot H. Payson.		
Franklin A. Spencer.		
Benjamin W. Dwight, LL.D.		
Henry Darling, D.D., LL.D.		
Andrew Cochran,	Oneida Castle.	
John W. Whitfield.		
Moses E. Dunham, D.D., Ph.D.		
Wilson B. Parmelee.		
Elizur N. Manley,	Camden,	Francis F. Fifield.
Benjamin F. Willoughby,	Sauquoit,	George W. Burpee.
James H. Taylor, D. D.,	Rome,	Merritt Andrews.
Samuel Jessup,	Oneida,	Ambrose W. Hill.
Archibald M. Shaw.		
Thomas B. Hudson, D. D.,	Clinton,	John C. Gallup, M. D.
Leicester J. Sawyer,	Whitesboro,	Thomas Ellis.

<i>Ministers.</i>	<i>Churches.</i>	<i>Ruling Elders.</i>
Clarence H. Beebe,	Clayville.	
Thomas J. Brown, D. D.,	Utica, Westminster,	Daniel Waterman.
Frederick A. M. Brown,	Little Falls,	James S. Aldridge.
Albert F. Lyle.		
George Craig,	Westernville,	William Hunt.
Charles B. Austin,	New-York Mills,	Leander S. Wood.
Isaac O. Best.		
Edwin F. Robb,	Boonville.	
Robert L. Bachman,	Utica, First,	Robert S. Williams.
Israel N. Terry,	New Hartford,	Arthur R. Simmons, M. D.
John McK. Brayton,	Holland Patent,	J. Elkins Chassell.
Charles H. Van Wie,	Williamstown.	
Lewis R. Webber,	Martinsburgh and Turin.	
Charles F. Goss,	Utica, Bethany.	Francis G. Wood.
Stanley B. Roberts,	Vernon Centre,	William S. Youngs.
Edwin H. Dickinson,	Knoxboro,	George H. Allen.
	Utica, Memorial,	Theodore S. Sayre.
	Lowville,	Duane D. Foote.
	Waterville,	Philander B. Haven.
	Vernon,	Thomas Williams.
	Ilion,	Corydon D. Rose.

XXIX. PRESBYTERY OF WESTCHESTER.

Wilson Phraner, D.D.,	Sing Sing.	
Carson W. Adams, D. D.		
J. Aspinwall Hodge, D. D.,	Hartford.	
Rollin A. Sawyer, D. D.,	Greenwich,	Moses Cristy.
Anthony R. Macoubrey,	South-East Centre.	
Thornton M. Niven, Jr., D.D.,	Greenburgh.	
John H. Eastman,	Katonah.	
Harris R. Schenck,	Mahopac Falls,	Joshua L. Dean.

*Ministers, 241.**Ruling Elders, 115.*

The Committee of Arrangements presented a report, which was accepted; and the recommendations relating to the sessions of to-morrow were adopted, namely:

That the morning session extend from nine o'clock until half-past twelve; the first half hour to be spent in devotional exercises, under the direction of the Rev. L. Merrill Miller, D. D.;

That in the afternoon the Synod visit Hamilton College, at the invitation of the Trustees, which is accepted with the thanks of the Synod; and

That the evening session be devoted to the consideration of Missions; addresses to be delivered by the Rev. Messrs. Frank F. Ellinwood, D. D., Henry Kendall, D. D., and John Hall, D. D.

Adjourned until to-morrow, at 9 o'clock A. M.

Closed with prayer.

WEDNESDAY, October 18th, 9 o'clock A. M.

The Synod met, and engaged during the first half hour in devotional exercises.

The roll was called.

The minutes of yesterday's session were read and approved.

The Rev. HOWARD CROSBY, D. D., LL.D., of the Presbytery of New-York, was chosen Moderator, and was duly inducted into office.

A Committee consisting of one Minister and one Ruling Elder from each of the late Synods was appointed, as follows, to nominate the permanent officers of the Synod, and to propose their term of service and their compensation :

Synod of New-York.—Rev. Erskine N. White, D. D., and Elder Warner Van Norden.

Synod of Long Island.—Rev. David R. Frazer, D. D., and Elder Edward L. Gerard.

Synod of Albany.—Rev. Peter Stryker, D. D., and Elder William B. Taylor.

Synod of Central New-York.—Rev. Thomas B. Hudson, D. D., and Elder Nathaniel Cobb.

Synod of Geneva.—Rev. Henry A. Nelson, D. D., and Elder Lewis H. Clark.

Synod of Western New-York.—Rev. T. Ralston Smith, D. D., and Elder Louis Chapin.

It was

Resolved, That the acting Clerks of the Synod continue to serve until new clerks be chosen.

The General Rules for Judicatories appended to the Form of Government were adopted as the Rules of Business during the present sessions of the Synod.

The ENABLING ACT of the General Assembly was presented by the Moderator, read, and is as follows :

“The Synods of Albany, Central New-York, Geneva, Long Island, New-York, and Western New-York, are hereby consolidated, and constituted into THE SYNOD OF NEW-YORK ; which Synod shall include all the Presbyteries within the State of New-York, and within New England, together with the Foreign Presbyteries of Oroomiah and Siam, and all the churches and ministers under the care of said Presbyteries ; and the Synod of New-York, as thus constituted, is hereby declared to be the legal successor of the Synods of Albany, Central New-York, Geneva, Long Island, New-York, and Western New-York, and, as such, entitled to the possession and enjoyment of all the rights and franchises, and liable to the performance of all the duties, of those Synods.

“The Synod of New-York, as thus constituted, shall meet on the third Tuesday of October, A. D. 1882, at half-past seven o'clock P. M., in the First Church of Utica, New-York, and shall be opened with a sermon by the Rev. Henry A. Nelson (or, in his absence, by the Rev. David R. Frazer), who shall preside until a Moderator be elected. This resolution and action shall take effect on the second day of January, in the year of our Lord 1882.”

The Moderator declared the Synod of New-York to be duly constituted in accordance with the Act of the General Assembly, and to be the proper and only successor of the Synods of Albany, Central New-York, Geneva, Long Island, New-York, and Western New-York.

It was

Ordered, That the Records of the late Synods, together with all the papers, books, etc., belonging to them, be placed in the custody of the Stated Clerk of this Synod.

The Committee, composed of the several committees appointed by the late Synods, to propose to this Synod such details of organization and such order of business as may seem expedient, presented a report, which was accepted.

The portions of the report relating to the question of constituting the Synod hereafter as a delegated body, were made the first order of the day for to-morrow, and were ordered to be printed for the information of the members.

The remainder of the report was amended, and adopted, and is as follows :

The Joint Committee, composed of the several committees appointed for the purpose by the late Synods, respectfully reports as follows :

The authority for the Committee is found in the following resolution, adopted by five of the late Synods :

“*Resolved*, That a Committee, consisting of two ministers and one elder, be appointed, to meet with similar committees, if such be appointed by a majority of the other Synods, to form with them a Joint Committee of Arrangements for the purpose of proposing to the Synod meeting at Utica on the third Tuesday of October, A. D. 1882, such details of organization, and such order of business, as may seem expedient to said Joint Committee; and also of advising the members of the several Presbyteries within the bounds of the new Synod, as to what informal action, if any, may be deemed expedient to insure, at the first meeting of the Synod, an adequate representation of all the Presbyteries within its bounds; provided, that no action be advised that shall interfere with the present constitutional right of every minister, and a representative of every church within the bounds of the Synod, to a seat in said body, if such be his pleasure.

“*Resolved*, That if the other Synods concur in this action, the committee hereby appointed shall meet with the other committees, similarly appointed, at the call of the chairman of the like committee appointed by the Synod of Albany.”

The following members of the committee were present at its meeting:

Synod of Albany.—Rev. William Irvin, D. D., and Rev. James N. Crocker.

Synod of Central New-York.—Rev. James Gardner, D. D., and Hon. Israel S. Spencer.

Synod of Long Island.—Rev. Peter D. Oakey.

Synod of New-York.—Rev. Erskine N. White, D. D.

Synod of Western New-York.—Rev. T. Ralston Smith, D. D., and Rev. Joseph R. Page, D. D.

As a result of its conference, the Committee recommends:

1. The adoption of the remainder of the printed order of sessions and services prepared by the local Committee of Arrangements, namely:

The morning sessions shall continue from nine o'clock until half-past twelve, the first half hour to be spent in devotional exercises; the afternoon sessions shall continue from half-past two o'clock until six; and the evening sessions shall begin at half-past seven o'clock.

The devotional exercises on Thursday morning shall be under the direction of the Rev. Alfred P. Botsford, and on Friday morning of the Rev. T. Ralston Smith, D. D.

The Sacrament of the Lord's Supper shall be administered on Thursday afternoon, at four o'clock.

The evening session of Thursday shall be devoted to a consideration of the subjects of Education, and Missions among the Freedmen, addresses to be made by the Rev. Messrs. Howard Crosby, D. D., Daniel W. Poor, D. D., and Richard H. Allen, D. D.

2. The appointment of the following Standing Committees for the present sessions:

- (1.) Bills and Overtures.
- (2.) Judicial Business.
- (3.) Benevolence, including the work of the several Boards.
- (4.) Narrative of the State of Religion.
- (5.) Minutes of the General Assembly.
- (6.) Education.
- (7.) Finance.
- (8.) Temperance.
- (9.) Records of the Presbyteries.
- (10.) The Place of Next Meeting.
- (11.) Leave of Absence.

3. The appointment of a Committee to take such legal steps as the consolidation of the Synods may have rendered necessary.

4. The appointment of a Committee to prepare Standing Rules; to report at the next annual meeting.

5. The reception of the Annual Statistical Reports of the Presbyteries.

6. The appointment of a Committee of seven members to consider the condition of the Churches, and the whole matter of Mission Work, within the bounds of the Synod; to report at the next annual meeting.

It was

Resolved, That a Committee be appointed to nominate Trustees and Examiners of the Elmira Female College, in place of those whose term of office now expires.

It was made the second order of the day for to-morrow, to hear the report of the Commission on the Elmira Female College, appointed by the late Synod of Geneva.

On the recommendation of the Committee appointed to nominate the Permanent Officers of the Synod, and to propose their term of office and their compensation, the following persons were elected unanimously :

Stated Clerk, the Rev. T. RALSTON SMITH, D. D., of the Presbytery of Buffalo.

Permanent Clerk, the Rev. J. WILFORD JACKS, of the Presbytery of Geneva.

Treasurer, Elder ARCHIBALD MCCLURE, of the Presbytery of Albany.

The Committee also recommended that the term of office be five years.

The recommendation was adopted.

The Rev. Messrs. ALBERT T. CHESTER, D. D., and J. ASPINWALL HODGE, D. D., were chosen Temporary Clerks.

A communication was received inviting the members of the Synod to visit, at their convenience, the New York State Lunatic Asylum.

A communication was received inviting the members of the Synod to the privileges of the rooms of the Young Men's Christian Association.

The invitations were accepted, with the thanks of the Synod.

A recess was taken until half-past seven o'clock P. M.

Closed with prayer.

WEDNESDAY. October 18th, 7.30 o'clock P. M.

After the recess, in accordance with the previous arrangement, the Rev. FRANK F. ELLINWOOD, D. D., delivered an address on Foreign Missions ; the Rev. HENRY KENDALL, D. D., an address on Home Missions ; and the Rev. JOHN HALL, D. D., an address on " Our Church and Our Country."

The following message, from the General Association of Congregational Churches and Ministers of New-York, was read :

SARATOGA, N. Y., October 18th, 1882.

To the Synod of New-York :

The General Association of Congregational Churches and Ministers of New-York send fraternal greetings, and proffer our fellowship in Christian truth and work in the service of a common Lord and Saviour. *Ephesians iii, 14-19.*

SAMUEL H. VIRGIN,
GEORGE H. BAILEY,
HENRY L. HUBBELL,

Committee.

The Rev. Messrs. Robert L. Bachman, Carson W. Adams, D. D., and James M. Dickson, were appointed a committee to prepare a suitable reply.

The Committee reported, recommending the following, which was adopted, and ordered to be sent :

UTICA, N. Y., October 18th, 1882.

To the General Association of Congregational Churches and Ministers of New-York :

The Synod of New-York send fraternal greeting, and extend our most hearty sympathy in advancing the glorious Kingdom of our blessed Lord. *See Matthew xxviii, 18-20.*

Adjourned until to-morrow, at 9 o'clock A. M.

Closed with prayer.

THURSDAY, October 19th, 9 o'clock A. M.

The Synod met, and engaged during the first half hour in devotional exercises.

The roll was called.

The minutes of yesterday's sessions were read and approved.

The Moderator announced the following

STANDING COMMITTEES:

1. BILLS AND OVERTURES:

Ministers—Henry A. Nelson, D. D., Peter J. H. Myers, Willis J. Beecher, D. D., Charles A. Stoddard, D. D., Joseph K. Wight.

Elders—Warner Van Norden, Joseph H. Plumb, Lewis H. Clark.

2. JUDICIAL BUSINESS:

Ministers—T. Ralston Smith, D. D., George A. Howard, D. D., William W. Page, Herman C. Riggs, D. D., Tryon Edwards, D. D.

Elders—Frederick Blume, Daniel D. Johnson, Moses S. Converse.

3. BENEVOLENCE:

Ministers—Erskine N. White, D. D., William Hogarth, D. D., Charles C. Carr.

Elders—Thompson C. Maxwell, Richard C. Holmes.

4. THE NARRATIVE :

Ministers—Anthony R. Macoubrey, William Waith.

Elder—Frederick Blüme.

5. MINUTES OF THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY :

Ministers—Samuel M. Hopkins, D. D., Fenwick T. Williams.

Elder—Robert J. Swan.

6. EDUCATION :

Ministers—Henry Darling, D. D., S. Irenaeus Prime, D. D., J. Aspinwall Hodge, D. D.

Elders—Kiliaen Van Rensselaer, Joseph H. Plumb.

7. FINANCE :

Elders—Stephen M. Clement, Robert J. Swan, George Hannah.

8. TEMPERANCE :

Ministers—Anson J. Upson, D. D., William W. Page, Rollin A. Sawyer, D. D.

Elders—Louis Chapin, Daniel D. Johnson.

9. PLACE OF NEXT MEETING :

Ministers—S. Irenaeus Prime, D. D., Albert T. Chester, D. D., Andrew Shiland, D. D.

Elders—Lewis H. Clark, Charles Marvin.

10. NOMINATION OF TRUSTEES AND EXAMINERS OF ELMIRA FEMALE COLLEGE :

Ministers—Alphonso R. Olney, Charles C. Carr, John McVey.

Elders—Moses S. Converse, Joseph H. Plumb.

11. LEAVE OF ABSENCE :

Ministers—Alfred P. Botsford, Edward M. Deems.

Elder—John Valentine.

12. STANDING RULES :

Ministers—T. Ralston Smith, D. D., *Stated Clerk*, J. Wilford Jacks, *Permanent Clerk*, James M. Platt, Fenwick T. Williams, Carson W. Adams, D. D.

Elders—Stephen M. Clement, Hon. John N. Hungerford.

13. LEGAL STEPS :

Hon. Sherman S. Rogers, Hon. Israel S. Spencer, George DeForest Lord, Esq.

14. CONDITION OF THE CHURCHES AND MISSION WORK:

Ministers—Wilson Phraner, D. D., Henry A. Nelson, D. D., William Waith, Nelson Millard, D. D., Anthony R. Macoubrey.

Elders—Robert J. Swan, Warner Nan Norden.

ON THE RECORDS OF THE PRESBYTERIES.

1. ALBANY: *Ministers*—Stanley D. Jewell, Ezra Jones; *Elder*—Noah T. Clarke.

2. BINGHAMTON: *Ministers*—George B. Stewart, Henry A. Harlow; *Elder*—Frederick Blume.

3. BOSTON: *Ministers*—Peter J. H. Myers, Stephen F. Drew; *Elder*—Kiliaen Van Rensselaer.

4. BROOKLYN: *Ministers*—Charles C. Wallace, D. D., John McVey; *Elder*—Charles F. Blood.

5. BUFFALO: *Ministers*—Herman C. Riggs, D. D., Henry H. Stebbins; *Elder*—Eliab Scott.

6. CAYUGA: *Ministers*—Cornelius S. Stowits, Edward W. Lake; *Elder*—Tyler H. Abbey.

7. CHAMPLAIN: *Ministers*—J. Lovejoy Robertson, Theron L. Waldo; *Elder*—John Foster.

8. CHEMUNG: *Ministers*—Henry M. Dodd, David M. Rankin; *Elder*—John B. Field.

9. COLUMBIA: *Ministers*—Fenwick T. Williams, James M. Dickson; *Elder*—William J. Cornwell.

10. GENESEE: *Ministers*—Alfred H. Fahnestock, William A. Rice; *Elder*—Moses Cristy.

11. GENESEE VALLEY: *Ministers*—Josiah E. Kittredge, Donald McGregor; *Elder*—Richard C. Holmes.

12. GENEVA: *Ministers*—Silas McKinney, Leonard E. Richards; *Elder*—Eli Beard.

13. HUDSON: *Ministers*—Nathan B. Knapp, Andrew B. Morse; *Elder*—Charles E. Snyder.

14. LONG ISLAND: *Ministers*—Alexander S. Hoyt, Joseph A. Canfield; *Elder*—Thomas Ellis.

15. LYONS: *Ministers*—Julius S. Pattengill, Andrew M. Millar; *Elder*—Edward C. Walker.

16. NASSAU: *Ministers*—Giles H. Dunning, E. Wilmot Cummings; *Elder*—Stephen M. Clement.

17. NEW-YORK: *Ministers*—Joseph K. Wight, L. Merrill Miller, D. D.; *Elder*—William Hunt.

18. NIAGARA : *Ministers*—Eben B. Cobb, James M. Platt ; *Elder*—William Alling.

19. NORTH RIVER : *Ministers*—John R. Lewis, Franklin S. Howe ; *Elder*—Edward L. Gerard.

20. OROOMIAH : [No records.]

21. OTSEGO : *Ministers*—Wm. Brenton Greene, Jr., Charles C. Carr ; *Elder*—George C. Pritchard, M. D.

22. ROCHESTER : *Ministers*—George C. Yeisley, John P. Watson ; *Elder*—John H. Dey.

23. ST. LAWRENCE : *Ministers*—Augustus W. Cowles, D. D., Dwight Scovel ; *Elder*—Francis G. Crosby.

24. SIAM : [No records.]

25. STEUBEN : *Ministers*—S. Edwin Koons, Hiram H. Kellogg ; *Elder*—John Harrison.

26. SYRACUSE : *Ministers*—Hugh W. Torrence, Warren H. Landon ; *Elder*—George B. Cole.

27. TROY : *Ministers*—Edward M. Deems, Frederick B. Savage ; *Elder*—Corydon T. Rose.

28. UTICA : *Ministers*—Henry T. Hunter, Almon R. Hewitt ; *Elder*—Charles W. Taylor.

29. WESTCHESTER : *Ministers*—Cyrus L. Offer, Alexander G. Russell ; *Elder*—Horace C. Walter.

It was made the first order of the day for this afternoon to hear the reports of the Committees on the Records of the Presbyteries ; and the second order, to receive the Statistical Reports of the Presbyteries.

The Rev. Ira Pettibone, of the North Litchfield Congregational Association, being present, was invited to sit as a corresponding member.

It was

Resolved, That a Committee on Sabbath-schools be added to the list of Standing Committees.

In the absence of the Treasurer, the Stated Clerk was appointed Treasurer *pro tempore*.

The following appointments were made for the administration of the Lord's Supper :

The Rev. Elliott H. Payson, to preside ; the Rev. S. Irenaeus Prime, D. D., to administer the bread ; the Rev. John Hall, D. D., to administer the cup ; and the following Elders to assist in the distribution of the Elements : Robert S. Williams, Daniel Waterman, Oscar Cobb, Charles F. Blood, Joseph E. Wilford, Thompson C. Maxwell,

Eli Beard, John H. Dey, George C. Pritchard, Gilbert B. Manley, James G. Benedict, Moses Cristy.

The Rev. Messrs. Wilson Phraner, D. D., Peter Stryker, D. D., and Elder James Sample, were appointed a Committee to nominate Visitors to the Theological Seminaries.

The first order of the day was taken up, and the recommendations in the report of the Joint Committee of the late Synods, proposing that the Synod shall hereafter be a delegated body, were considered.

It was

Resolved, That the members, in speaking on this question, be restricted to ten minutes each.

Pending the discussion, a recess was taken until half-past two o'clock.

Closed with prayer.

THURSDAY, October 19th, 2.30 o'clock P. M.

After the recess,

The first order of the day was taken up, and the Committees on the records of the following Presbyteries reported, recommending that the records severally be approved as far as written, namely: Albany, Binghamton, Brooklyn, Buffalo, Cayuga, Champlain, Chemung, Columbia, Genesee, Genesee Valley, Hudson, Long Island, Nassau, New-York, Niagara, North River, Otsego, Rochester, St. Lawrence, Steuben, Syracuse, Utica and Westchester.

The reports were adopted.

The Committee on the records of the Presbytery of Boston reported, recommending their approval, as far as written, with the exception that, on page 116, the Presbytery, at a *pro re nata* meeting, transacted business not included in the call, by dismissing a member to another Presbytery.

The Committee on the records of the Presbytery of Troy reported, recommending their approval, as far as written, with the exception that, in the dissolution of the pastoral relation between the Rev. Henry G. Blinn and the Church of Cambridge, the constitutional steps, as required by the Form of Government, Chapter xvii., do not seem to have been taken.

The reports were adopted.

The second order of the day was taken up, and it was

Resolved, That the several reports of Presbyterial Acts and Changes be placed in the hands of the Stated Clerk.

The unfinished business was resumed, namely, the consideration of the report of the Joint Committee proposing that the Synod shall be constituted as a delegated body.

The following substitute for the recommendations of the Committee was adopted :

Resolved, That, for the present, the Synod of New-York be constituted as the former Synods were constituted.

The members of the Committee on Leave of Absence having retired from the Synod, a new Committee was appointed, consisting of the Rev. Messrs. Eben B. Cobb and Henry A. Harlow, and Elder Louis Chapin.

The Rev. Messrs. Albert T. Chester, D. D., Rollin A. Sawyer, D. D., Ephraim Whitaker, D. D., and Elders Moses S. Converse and Lewis H. Clark were appointed a Committee to consider all papers relating to the Women's Missionary Boards, and to nominate a Ladies' Synodical Committee on Home Missions.

The Standing Committee on Sabbath-schools was appointed as follows :

Ministers—Hamilton B. Holmes, John F. MacLaury, Charles C. Wallace, D. D.

Elders—Calvin B. Sims, Henry Sears.

It was made the first order of the day for to-morrow morning to hear the report of the Committee on Education.

At four o'clock the Sacrament of the Lord's Supper was administered, and the services were conducted in accordance with the previous arrangement.

After a brief recess, it was

Resolved, That the Committee on Education be instructed to include in its report the Ingham University, at Le Roy.

A Commission, consisting of Rev. Messrs. Henry A. Nelson, D. D., Willis J. Beecher, D. D., Milton Waldo, D. D., Hon. Charles C. Dwight, and Prof. Noah T. Clarke, appointed by the late Synod of Geneva, "to make inquiry as to all matters in which the management of the Elmira

Female College may be subject to the control of the Synod, or which call for any special Synodical action, and to make report concerning them to the Synod of New-York," presented a report, from which the following is an extract :

This institution was first chartered as the " Auburn Female University," A. D. 1852. The effort to establish it in Auburn not proving successful, its site was established at Elmira, and its corporate name was changed to " Elmira Female College," A. D. 1855. About the same time an appropriation of ten thousand dollars was made to the institution by the State Legislature.

At a subsequent date the Legislature appropriated \$25,000 from the State Treasury, on condition of an equal sum of \$25,000 being raised by voluntary contribution, to constitute " the Elmira College Educational Fund." The condition was fulfilled, and the Comptroller of the State holds in trust \$50,000, invested in public stocks, the interest being paid annually to the Treasurer of the College. In consideration of this, the College is under obligation " to furnish gratuitous instruction to worthy young ladies needing such aid) not exceeding ten in number."

The College also possesses permanent funds, donated by the late Simeon Benjamin, amounting to \$50,000 or more.

It was in compliance with a condition attached to these generous gifts that a change was procured in the charter of the College, placing it permanently under the control of the Synod. The provision for this is the following :

That " the Synod of Geneva, connected with the General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church in the United States of America, which held its sessions in the City of Syracuse, N. Y., in the month of May, 1861, shall elect the Trustees of the said institution. That the number of Trustees shall be nineteen. That they shall be elected at the first annual meeting of the Synod after the said change in the charter shall have been made. That by lot the said nineteen shall be divided into three classes. Seven in the first class shall be Trustees for one year; six in the second class shall be Trustees for two years; six in the third class shall be Trustees for three years. On each successive year the Synod of Geneva, at its annual meeting, shall elect six or seven Trustees, as the case may be, to hold office for three years, to fill the places of those whose term of office then expires, and shall also fill all vacancies in the Board of Trustees which have occurred through death or otherwise. The following denominations shall always be represented in the Board of Trustees, elected, as above specified, by the Synod of Geneva, by at least one member, respectively, namely, the Dutch Reformed, Congregational, Episcopal, Methodist, and Baptist. That the Synod shall each year appoint a Committee of Examiners to attend the exercises of the Annual Examinations and Commencement, and to report thereon at the annual meeting of the Synod. That the Board of Trustees shall make an annual report to the Synod of the state of the institution, as to its management, condition and finances; and the Synod shall have at all times advisory powers, and, if ever deemed necessary by itself to assume it, the right of absolute direction as to the policy to be pursued by the Trustees in the management of the institution."

The report continues as follows :

The Synod of Geneva thankfully and reverently accepted the trust, and, by the help of God, faithfully fulfilled it until the end of its own separate life and being.

In the name and by the authority of that Synod, we now deliver that trust to the Synod of New-York, which the authority of the General Assembly has made the legal

successor of the Synod of Geneva, and the inheritor of all its powers, responsibilities, properties and trusts.

We respectfully recommend the appointment of a Committee of gentlemen of the legal profession, who shall be authorized to procure any action which may by them be found needful, on the part of the Legislature or the Board of Regents of the University of the State, to secure, beyond question, the power of this Synod to fulfill the trust thus inherited.

The report was accepted, and the recommendation was adopted.

The following Committee was appointed to carry out this action of the Synod: Henry Day, Esq., Hon. Charles C. Dwight, and Hon. H. Boardman Smith.

The Committee of Examiners of the Elmira Female College, appointed by the late Synod of Geneva, consisting of the Rev. Messrs. Charles C. Hemenway, Milton Waldo, D. D., James M. Platt, Charles C. Carr, Franklin S. Howe, Samuel W. Pratt, John S. Stewart, D. D., D. Henry Palmer, and Stanley D. Jewell, presented a report, which was accepted, and ordered to be placed on file.

The following recommendations in the report were referred to the Committee on Standing Rules:

1. Inasmuch as the charter of the College requires that the Dutch Reformed, the Congregational, the Methodist Episcopal, the Protestant Episcopal, and the Baptist denominations, shall each be represented in the Board of Trustees elected by the Synod, that the Synod, in its Standing Rules, designate how many Trustees shall be appointed from each of these denominations.
2. That the Synod, in its Standing Rules, define the duties of the Examiners of Elmira Female College.
3. That hereafter the necessary expenses of the Examiners be paid by the Synod.

The report of the Trustees of the Elmira Female College was presented, accepted, and ordered to be placed on file.

The Committee of the late Synod of Geneva, on the endowment of the Elmira Female College, consisting of the Rev. Messrs. James M. Platt, D. Henry Palmer, William Hogarth, D. D., and Elders Hon. John N. Hungerford, and Robert J. Swan, presented a report, which was accepted, and ordered to be placed on file.

The following recommendation in the report was adopted:

That this Synod appoint a new Committee, to coöperate with the Trustees of the College, in securing the liberal endowment both of departments and of scholarships.

The Committee was appointed as follows: The Rev. Messrs. James M. Platt, Wilson Phraner, D. D., John B. Thompson, D. D., J. Jermain

Porter, D. D., and Elders Hon. John N. Hungerford, Robert J. Swan, and Thompson C. Maxwell.

On the recommendation of the Committee appointed to nominate Trustees and Examiners of the Elmira Female College, the following persons were duly elected :

Trustees : Hon. John T. Rathbun, Rev. Wilson Phraner, D. D., Rev. Henry A. Nelson, D. D., Hon. Seymour Dexter, Newton P. Fassett, Esq., Hon. John I. Nicks, to serve for three years ; and, to fill a vacancy, Daniel W. McWilliams, Esq., to serve for two years.

Examiners : The Rev. Messrs. James M. Platt, Samuel Dunham, and J. Jermain Porter, D. D., to serve for three years.

It was

Resolved, That a Committee be appointed to inquire into, and report at the next meeting of the Synod, the most thorough and effective method of giving to the congregations the supervision and direction of their respective Presbyteries.

The following were constituted the Committee: The Rev. Messrs. John Hall, D. D., Teunis S. Hamlin, Anthony R. Macoubrey, Henry A. Nelson, D. D., James Gardner, D. D., William Irvin, D. D., and Elders G. DeForest Lord, Warner Van Norden, and Lewis H. Clark.

The Committee on Permanent Officers presented a further report, recommending that the compensation of the Stated Clerk be two hundred dollars, and that of the Permanent Clerk seventy-five dollars, per annum.

The report was adopted.

The Treasurers of the late Synods were directed to pay to the Treasurer of this Synod any synodical funds remaining in their hands.

The Committee appointed to designate the place of the next meeting of the Synod presented a report, recommending the Madison Square Church, New-York, and nominating, as a Committee of Arrangements, the Rev. Charles H. Parkhurst, D. D., the pastor of that Church, together with the pastors of the other Churches, and one elder from each Church, in the city.

The report was adopted.

A recess was taken until half-past seven o'clock P. M.

Closed with prayer.

THURSDAY, October 19th, 7.30 o'clock P. M.

After the recess, in accordance with the previous arrangement, the Rev. Messrs. HOWARD CROSBY, D. D., and DANIEL W. POOR, D. D., addressed the Synod on the subject of Education for the Ministry, and the Rev. RICHARD H. ALLEN, D. D., on the subject of Missions among the Freedmen.

The following minute was adopted by a unanimous vote :

In view of the extension of the bounds of this Synod, so as to include all the Presbyterian Churches in the State of New-York and the New-England States, the Synod takes this, the first, opportunity of addressing the members of the Churches under its care, to call upon them individually to consider with solemnity, and in the fear of God, their obligations as Church members to be faithful to the vows of God which are upon them; and in particular to remember, in all circumstances, and on all occasions, the duty of keeping themselves unspotted from the world; avoiding all those financial, political and social entanglements which endanger their good name and may bring the profession of religion into suspicion and disrepute; that it may be known unto all men that the Church regards the virtues of honesty between man and man, and personal integrity and purity, as the necessary accompaniments and fruits of the life of God in the human soul.

And it exhorts its ministers and people, as Christians and citizens, in their several places and relations, to be faithful and vigilant in making their influence felt for the elevation and purification of the morals of the whole community.

It was

Resolved, That the foregoing minute be printed, and a copy sent to each minister of the Synod, with directions that it be read from every pulpit.

Adjourned until to-morrow, at 9 o'clock A. M.

Closed with prayer.

FRIDAY, October 20th, 9 o'clock A. M.

The Synod met, and engaged during the first half hour in devotional exercises.

The calling of the roll was dispensed with.

The minutes of yesterday's sessions were read and approved.

It was

Resolved, That the meeting of the Synod next year be held on the third Tuesday of October, at half-past seven o'clock P. M.

It was

Resolved, That the subject of Sustentation, as presented by Dr. Nelson in his opening sermon, be referred to the Committee on the Condition of the Churches and Mission Work; and, if the Committee deem it advisable to enter upon the work, that it prepare, and present at the next meeting of the Synod, some plan for carrying it into practical operation.

The following members were added to the Committee on the Condition of the Churches and Mission Work within the bounds of the Synod:

Ministers—William Irvin, D. D., Joseph K. Wight, Robert L. Bachman, Herman C. Riggs, D. D.; *Elders*—Archibald McClure, Louis Chapin, Robert S. Williams.

The first order of the day having arrived, the Standing Committee on Education presented its report, which was accepted, and is as follows:

The Synod of New-York, at its first convocation, calls the special attention of its ministers and the officers and members of its churches, to the relations of the Presbyterian Church to the cause of higher education. In the provision we have made for the Christian education of our sons and daughters in the Academy and College, we are behind the other great denominations with which we are accustomed to coöperate in Christian effort. For the special work of ministerial training, the appliances which we possess as a Church put us in the very first rank. For that higher education which is not professional or ministerial, we are altogether in the rear.

The Universities and Colleges in this land that may in any sense be called Presbyterian, number only thirteen, and have an annual income of but \$212,000. What are these in comparison with the twenty-six Colleges connected with the Congregational Church, or the thirty-one connected with the Baptist Church, or the still larger number of thirty-seven connected with the Methodist Episcopal Church? In this neglect of higher education, the Presbyterian Church has been untrue both to her doctrine and her history. Calvinism has always had a strong affinity with learning; and after the planting of Presbyterianism in the soil of this new continent, not more than two decades of years passed before it established for itself a College.

The recognition of our neglect as a Church of Christ, in these days of higher education, and the attempt which is now being made at stimulating inquiry and effort to remedy this defect, are among the most promising signs of our times.

"In view of the patent fact," said our last General Assembly, "that by the secularizing of Academies and Colleges the sources of supply for our Theological Seminaries have been either vitiated or cut off, the Assembly enjoin upon the Presbyterian Church and ministry the urgent duty of endowing and building up the Presbyterian Academies and Colleges already existing, and of wisely planting, endowing and fostering others as they become needed, in order to avert, and make provision against, the impending dearth of candidates for the ministry, and that the Presbyterian Church may overtake its sister Churches in the work of Christian education, and regain the place of supremacy to which it is entitled by its grand system of doctrine, and its equally grand history."

Your Committee, in quoting this action of the Assembly, desire to add their full approval of all the sentiments it expresses, and also the hope that the Synod will make this action its own.

Your Committee are also pleased to know that the Assembly appointed, upon this

subject, a Special Committee, and that its members were urged to give early and earnest attention to the important subject committed to its care.

The College Society (as it is called) among our Congregational brethren, fostering the feeble and struggling educational institutions of that faith in every part of the land, contributed during the past year very efficient aid to ten different Colleges; and during the thirty-eight years of its existence, has brought up other institutions of learning to the point of entire self-support. The whole sum contributed by this Society to collegiate education is \$1,352,011.73. The number of institutions aided is twenty-nine. Why may not our great Presbyterian Church institute a charity that in the same field will be equally efficient?

The special recommendations that your Committee would make to the Synod are as follows:

1. This Synod expresses its deep interest in the prosperity of Elmira College, for some years under the care of the former Synod of Geneva, but now, as the property of this Synod, to enjoy its fostering supervision. Whatever may be needful for the thorough equipment of this institution, your Committee trusts will be provided by the liberality of the Church.

2. The six Synods into which the ministers and Churches of this State were formerly divided, and which, by the Assembly's act of consolidation, are now embraced in the Synod of New-York, having all united in the earnest recommendation of Hamilton College to the confidence and liberality of their Churches, in the effort to secure an addition of \$500,000 to its endowment — the College, upon that event, to become more closely related to them, in accordance with an official act of its Board of Trustees — this Synod now repeats and makes its own those recommendations; and, pleased to learn of the gratifying progress that has already been made in securing such an endowment, expresses its earnest desire and hope that the whole sum may speedily be realized.

To this end a Committee of one minister and one elder (the elder to be designated by the minister) from each of the Presbyteries connected with this Synod, shall be appointed to coöperate with the officers of the College in their effort to secure this endowment.

At any joint meeting of these Presbyterian Committees that may be called, *eleven* shall be a quorum, competent to transact all business pertaining to their appointment.

The recommendations were adopted.

The following were appointed the ministerial members of the Committee provided for in the last recommendation:

John McC. Holmes, D. D., Presbytery of Albany.
G. Parsons Nicholls, D. D., Presbytery of Binghamton.
Charles C. Wallace, D. D., Presbytery of Boston.
J. Glentworth Butler, D. D., Presbytery of Brooklyn.
Rufus S. Green, Presbytery of Buffalo.
Charles C. Hemenway, Presbytery of Cayuga.
Charles S. Richardson, Presbytery of Champlain.
Charles C. Carr, Presbytery of Chemung.
George A. Howard, D. D., Presbytery of Columbia.
Cassius H. Dibble, Presbytery of Genesee.
David Winters, Presbytery of Genesee Valley.
J. Wilford Jacks, Presbytery of Geneva.

John R. Lewis, Presbytery of Hudson.
William H. Littell, Presbytery of Long Island.
William H. Bates, Presbytery of Lyons.
Lewis Lampman, Presbytery of Nassau.
Howard Crosby, D. D., Presbytery of New-York.
Maltbie D. Babcock, Presbytery of Niagara.
Francis B. Wheeler, D. D., Presbytery of North River.
Henry U. Swinnerton, Ph. D., Presbytery of Otsego.
Charles E. Robinson, D. D., Presbytery of Rochester.
L. Merrill Miller, D. D., Presbytery of St. Lawrence.
James M. Platt, Presbytery of Steuben.
Henry H. Stebbins, Presbytery of Syracuse.
Stephen Bush, D. D., Presbytery of Troy.
Thomas J. Brown, D. D., Presbytery of Utica.
Wilson Phraner, D. D., Presbytery of Westchester.

The Committee on Education requested to be discharged from the duty of reporting in reference to Ingham University, inasmuch as that institution is not, at present, under the care of the Synod.

The request was granted.

It was

Resolved, That the ministers of this Synod be requested to present the interests of Hamilton College to their respective congregations, and take special collections in its behalf, on the Lord's day next succeeding the Day of Prayer for Colleges.

The Committee appointed to nominate Visitors to the Theological Seminaries reported, recommending the following Committee to attend the next Annual Examination of Union Seminary, New-York: The Rev. Messrs. Carson W. Adams, D. D., Timothy G. Darling, D. D., Fenwick T. Williams, Joseph W. Earnshaw, Howard Crosby, D. D., Anthony R. Macoubrey, George A. Howard, D. D., and Elders Walter Carter and Warner Van Norden.

The report was adopted.

The following minute was adopted :

WHEREAS, The records of the Presbyteries of Geneva and Lyons have not been presented for approval; therefore,

Resolved, That the Committees appointed to examine said records be discharged, and that the Stated Clerk inform those Presbyteries that their records did not appear, and request that they be sent for review at the next meeting of the Synod.

The Standing Committee on Benevolence presented their report, which was accepted, and is as follows :

In preparing their report your committee have been somewhat embarrassed by the ex-

tent of the ground over which their survey must extend, and the inadequacy of the means within their reach to render their view complete. It is not very difficult to discover and state with approximate accuracy the amounts that have been given to the different Boards of the Church; but it is very well known that these amounts form but a part of the total sum of money that the Church within the bounds of the Synod has contributed to the cause of its Master; while in addition to its pecuniary offerings, there have been consecrated to the work of benevolence, by its members, time, strength and personal devotion, which cannot be tabulated or expressed in figures.

Even in regard to figures we must be content with the official reports made to the last General Assembly; for no later reports, with one exception, have been placed in the hands of the Committee.

The contributions acknowledged by the Boards are as follows, which we place by the side of the amounts to the same objects given in the Appendix to the Minutes:

	<i>Boards.</i>	<i>Appendix.</i>
<i>Home Missions</i> —From Churches,	\$58,326	
From Ladies' Boards,	16,326	
From Sunday Schools,	3,735	
Total, Home Missions,	\$78,387	\$138,189
<i>Foreign Missions</i> —From Churches,	\$69,887	
From Ladies' Boards,	29,704	
From Sunday Schools,	5,507	
Total, Foreign Missions,	\$105,098	148,842
Education,	\$11,909	61,853
Publication,	6,314	17,218
Church Erection,	14,577	28,071
Relief Fund,	29,571	21,436
Freedmen,	21,596	21,593
Sustentation,	3,735	4,093
Total,	\$271,187	\$441,295

It thus appears that the Churches of our Synod have contributed \$170,108 to these stated objects through other channels than the Boards. To this is still to be added \$302,330, given to miscellaneous benevolent objects; and the total of all sums reported as given to benevolence amounts to \$743,625, or nearly three-quarters of a million of dollars.

This appears to be a large sum; but when we remember that we have upon our roll 133,091 communicants, we find that it amounts to but little more than \$5.50 apiece, or less than eleven cents per week for each.

May we not hope that our pastors and elders, pondering these figures, will endeavor so to quicken the hearts of our people to their privileges and responsibilities that the amount contributed during the present year may reach a million of dollars?

A few words must be said more particularly of the gifts of the women of our Church, and of the organizations through which they carry forward their very effective work.

From our various Ladies' Boards and Societies, our Foreign Board acknowledges the receipt of \$29,704, and our Home Board \$16,326.

The organizations from which this money comes are :

1. The Ladies' Board of Missions, which embraces both Home and Foreign interests.
2. The various Presbyterian Committees upon Home Missions which contribute through the Woman's Executive Committee of Home Missions.
3. The Ladies' Board of Foreign Missions of the late Synod of Albany.
4. The local auxiliaries that contribute through the Woman's Foreign Missionary Society located at Philadelphia.

While these different agencies, working upon the same field, have accomplished such excellent work in the past, and have been always desirous of so laboring in harmony as to produce the best results, yet it is manifest that there is a measure of infelicity in the fact that the division of work among them has never been clearly marked out. It would be unbecoming for a committee of this Synod to make suggestions in regard to the work of societies which, in their origin and work, are independent of ecclesiastical control, were it not that the ladies in connection with several of these organizations, in their desire to secure the best results for their future, have asked that this Synod, in its care for the interests of Christ's cause in our State, shall advise with them in regard to the unifying of women's work within our bounds. Such a request has come from the Woman's Executive Committee of Home Missions, and one also from the Ladies' Board of Missions. The former is as follows :

"We respectfully refer the matter of unifying the work for Home Missions by the 'women within the bounds of this Synod to the Synod itself for our direction.'"

From the Ladies' Board we have the following paper : "The representatives of the 'Ladies' Board of Missions, now in Utica, after full consideration of the question of 'the work of women for Foreign Missions, in the State of New-York, feel that the 'time has come when some change in present organizations may be necessary to promote its best interests ; therefore,

"*Resolved*, That the Synod of New-York, now in session, be requested to appoint a 'committee, on whom the various societies at work for Foreign Missions may call for 'advice in regard to a possible unification of the work.'"

Believing this movement to be a happy augury of a still brighter future for the work already so efficiently conducted by the women of our churches, we recommend that the Synod take action in accordance with these requests.

A word must be said in regard to one important means of stimulating the benevolent spirit of our churches that is not now effectively used. We refer to the periodicals published by our Boards. We cannot expect our congregations to give intelligently, liberally and heartily, unless they know to what they give and how great the need, and then their hearts be stirred within them. Those of us who are familiar with the pages of the *Foreign Missionary*, the *Presbyterian Home Missionary Journal*, and the *Monthly Record*, know how effective they are to accomplish these ends. Were they read by all of our Church members, the effect would be seen immediately in an increase in our contributions. Yet upon examining a complete tabulated list of subscribers to the *Foreign Missionary*, within our bounds, we find that it is not read by one in twenty, and probably not by one in fifty, of our Church members.

It is improbable that the facts in regard to the other periodicals are any more reassuring.

We believe that a personal interest in this matter, upon the part of our pastors and elders, would insure a greatly increased subscription list, and a corresponding increase in the contributions of our churches.

In view of what has been said, your committee make the following recommendations :

1. That the Standing Committee on Benevolence be appointed at the meeting of the Synod preceding that to which it is expected to report.
2. That our pastors and elders be requested to make special effort to ensure the wider circulation of the periodicals of our Boards.
3. That in accordance with the request of the Woman's Executive Committee of Home Missions, and the Ladies' Board of Missions, a committee of seven ministers and three elders be appointed, with whom the ladies connected with the various organizations for women's work within our bounds can confer, with a view to so arranging the relations of these organizations to one another, that the work, in each of its branches, within our Synod, may be unified and enlarged.

The recommendations were adopted.

The following were appointed the Committee on Benevolence, to report to the Synod next year :

Ministers—Joseph K. Wight, Tryon Edwards, D. D., Joseph R. Page, D. D. *Elders*—Robert S. Williams and Frederick Blume.

The following were appointed the Committee of Conference with the various organizations for woman's work within the bounds of the Synod :

Ministers—Erskine N. White, D. D., John McC. Holmes, D. D., T. Ralston Smith, D. D., Henry A. Nelson, D. D., L. Merrill Miller, D. D., Thomas J. Brown, D. D., Charles Cuthbert Hall. *Elders*—Joseph H. Plumb, Noah T. Clarke, William F. Lee.

The Standing Committee on Sabbath Schools presented the following report, which was accepted, and referred to the Committee of Arrangements for the next meeting of the Synod :

The Committee on Sabbath Schools report that as they were appointed too late for any action at this meeting of the Synod, they recommend that an evening session at the next meeting be devoted to the interests of the Sabbath School, and that popular speakers be invited, to deliver addresses on various practical aspects of this most important department of Church work, their selection to be left to the local Committee of Arrangements.

The Committee on Standing Rules presented a partial report, recommending, for the present guidance of the Synod, the following

STANDING RULES.

1. The Synod shall meet annually on the Third Tuesday of October, at such place as shall be designated at the meeting of the previous year.
2. A Committee of Arrangements shall be appointed, previously to the adjournment yearly, who shall provide suitable accommodations for the Synod at its next sessions, determine the hour of convening, and propose the arrangements for the devotional exercises.

3. The roll of each Presbytery shall be forwarded by its Stated Clerk to the Stated Clerk of the Synod at least ten days before the annual meeting.

4. The Stated and Permanent Clerks shall serve as a Standing Committee, to whom all members attending the sessions shall report themselves for enrollment previously to the opening of the annual meeting.

5. In addition to the statistical reports required by the form of government, chap. x, sec. 9, a written report on the state of religion shall be forwarded by each Presbytery to the Chairman of the Committee on the Narrative, at least ten days before the annual meeting.

6. The annual meeting shall be opened with a sermon by the Moderator, or, in case of his failure, by a member of the Synod designated by the Committee of Arrangements.

7. The daily sessions, after the first day, shall be opened with devotional exercises, to be continued ordinarily for half an hour.

8. To meet the necessary expenses of the Synod, the several Presbyteries shall furnish annually an amount equal to one-half cent for each communicant, to be paid to the Treasurer at or before each annual meeting.

9. The minutes of the annual meetings shall be published under the direction of the Stated Clerk as soon as practicable after the adjournment, and a copy shall be sent to every minister in the Synod, and to the Session of each vacant church.

The report was adopted.

It was

Resolved, That the Presbyteries be requested to forward immediately to the Treasurer of the Synod the amounts which would have been payable to the Synodical Fund at this time had the late Synods continued in existence.

On the recommendation of the committee appointed for the purpose, the following persons were designated as the

LADIES' SYNODICAL COMMITTEE ON HOME MISSIONS.

Presbytery of Albany—Mrs. Henry March, Mrs. B. Frank Potter, Mrs. Isabella McGill.

Binghamton—Mrs. John Chatfield, Mrs. E. Hawley, Mrs. Howard Elmer, Mrs. A. F. Ibbotson.

Boston—Mrs. George Edwards, Mrs. Wm. Brenton Greene, Jr., Mrs. Charles C. Wallace.

Brooklyn—Mrs. D. R. James, Mrs. J. M. Ham, Mrs. D. M. Miller, Mrs. F. E. H. Haines.

Buffalo—Mrs. Henry Childs, Mrs. L. M. Kimball, Mrs. Edwin S. Wright, Mrs. E. A. Skinner.

Cayuga—Mrs. E. A. Huntington, Mrs. L. T. Hamilton.

Champlain—Mrs. Joseph Gamble, Mrs. Chandler N. Thomas.

Chemung—Mrs. Wm. E. Knox, Mrs. Franklin S. Howe.

Columbia—Mrs. George A. Howard, Mrs. George C. Yeisly.

Genesee—Mrs. Cassius H. Dibble, Mrs. Dugald D. McColl, Mrs. Wm. W. Totheroh.

Genesee Valley—Mrs. Wm. F. Wheeler, Mrs. David Winters.

Geneva—Mrs. Thompson C. Maxwell, Miss Helen Hawley, Mrs. George C. Curtis.

Hudson—Mrs. Charles Beattie, Mrs. Charles W. Cooper, Mrs. Francis M. Cummins.
Long Island—Mrs. Ephraim Whitaker, Mrs. Samuel Huntting, Mrs. Henry Cook.
Lyons—Mrs. Horace Eaton, Mrs. John P. Richardson.
Nassau—Mrs. Lewis Lampman, Mrs. J. R. Mowbray.
New-York—Mrs. J. Lorimer Graham, Miss Henrietta W. Hubbard, Mrs. Silas B. Brownell, Mrs. David Blake, Miss Emily M. Wheeler, Mrs. R. Russell Booth.
Niagara—Mrs. Daniel Clarke, Mrs. Robert Norton.
North River—Mrs. M. F. C. Strong, Mrs. Isaac Brayton, Mrs. Hector Craig.
Otsego—Mrs. C. G. Sanborn, Mrs. Horace H. Allen, Miss Catherine Roseboom.
Rochester—Mrs. Joseph R. Page, Mrs. Wm. Alling, Mrs. Sarah J. Nichols, Mrs. Josiah E. Kittredge, Miss Frances E. Lauderdale.
St. Lawrence—Mrs. L. Merrill Miller, Mrs. Charles Anthony, Mrs. P. T. Hubbard.
Steuben—Mrs. Wm. A. Niles, Mrs. James M. Platt, Mrs. Frank Williams.
Syracuse—Mrs. M. C. Armstrong, Mrs. Gilbert Mollison, Mrs. John Hobbie, Mrs. Chauncey Bronson.
Troy—Mrs. Teunis S. Hamlin, Mrs. H. H. G. Burden.
Utica—Mrs. J. C. Gallup, Mrs. Frederick A. M. Brown, Miss Sarah Gilbert, Mrs. George Curran.
Westchester—Mrs. Thornton M. Niven, Jr., Mrs. Stanton Cady, Mrs. Edgar L. Heermance, Miss Olivia B. Walsh, Miss Elizabeth Cristy.

It was

Resolved, That the Presbyteries shall have authority to fill any vacancies in the Ladies' Synodical Committee which may occur within their respective bounds during the year.

The Standing Committee on Temperance presented a report, which was adopted, and is as follows :

The Standing Committee on the subject of Temperance respectfully report and recommend, that in accordance with the deliverances made by the General Assembly of 1882, a Permanent Committee on Temperance be appointed by this Synod.

They recommend that this committee be composed of one member from each of the Presbyteries within our bounds, with an additional member of this Synod as Chairman; and that the chairmen of the various Presbyterial committees on this subject be, as far as possible, the members of this committee. They further recommend that this committee be instructed to aid, in every possible way, the Permanent Committee on Temperance appointed by the General Assembly, in securing the effective organization and hearty coöperation of the entire Church in promoting this most important object, which appeals most profoundly to our Christian sympathies, and demands our most careful and deliberate attention.

The following were appointed the Permanent Committee on Temperance :

The Rev. Messrs. Peter Stryker, D. D., John McVey, Charles C. Wallace, D. D., Adam McClelland, D. D., T. Ralston Smith, D. D., Ransom B. Welch, D. D., Peter J. H. Myers, Charles C. Carr, George A. Howard, D. D., Stephen F. Drew, John C. Taylor, Wm. Hogarth, D. D., Alfred P. Botsford, Andrew Shiland, D. D., Silas McKinney, Peter D. Oakey, Erskine N. White, D. D., Edward B. Walsworth, D. D., Joseph K. Wight, Albert C. Bishop, Levi Parsons, D. D., L. Merrill Miller, D. D., James M. Platt, Nelson Millard, D. D., Wm. H. Sybrandt, Robert L. Bachman, and Rollin A. Sawyer, D. D.

The following resolutions were adopted :

Resolved, That the Synod recommend to the Presbyteries that at their meetings next preceding each annual meeting of the Synod, the roll be called for the purpose of ascertaining the names of such Ministers as propose to attend the meeting of Synod, and of such Churches as propose to send elders, and that the list thus obtained be forwarded to the Stated Clerk of the Synod to facilitate the making of its roll.

2. That the Synod recommend to the Presbyteries that they request such of their members as propose to attend the meeting of the Synod, and such Churches as propose to send elders, to forward their names to the Committee of Arrangements for the Synod at least ten days before the meeting.

3. That a copy of these resolutions be sent to the Stated Clerk of each Presbytery within our bounds.

The Standing Committee on Finance presented the following report, which was adopted :

The Committee on Finance report that the only papers that have been placed in their hands are the accounts of the Treasurers of the late Synods of New-York, Central New-York and Western New-York. The latter shows a balance of 13 cents in the hands of the Treasurer. The two other treasuries appear to be empty. Vouchers for the last year's expenditures, except a few small items for postage, etc., accompany each account. Your committee recommend that these accounts be approved, and that the account of the Treasurer of the late Synod of Western New-York be considered balanced. Also that the Treasurers of the late Synods of Albany, Geneva and Long Island be requested to deliver to the Treasurer of this Synod their accounts, and all moneys, books and papers in their hands, which are now the property of this Synod.

The Standing Committee on the Minutes of the General Assembly presented the following report, which was adopted :

The Committee on the Minutes of the General Assembly respectfully recommend :

1. That the attention of our Presbyteries be called to the report of the Committee of the Assembly on the Revision of the Form of Government and Book of Discipline, copies of which have been sent to all our Ministers and Churches ; and that the Presbyteries be urged to take definite action on the same before the meeting of the next General Assembly.

2. As this Synod comprises within its limits two of the Theological Seminaries of our Church, and as the report of the Committee of the General Assembly on Theological Seminaries, adopted by the last Assembly, suggested a suspicion of peril to the faith "from the prevalence of German mysticism and 'higher criticism,' and solemnly warned all who give instruction in our Theological Seminaries against inculcating any views or adopting any methods which may tend to unsettle faith in the doctrine of the Divine origin and plenary inspiration of the Scriptures held by our Church, or in our Presbyterian systems of doctrine," your committee recommend that this Synod declare that no just suspicion of any such dangerous tendencies attaches to either of the institutions referred to within the bounds of this Synod.

The Standing Committee on the Narrative presented the Annual Narrative of the State of Religion within the bounds of the Synod, which was adopted, and ordered to be printed in the appendix to the minutes.

The Rev. Messrs. William Waith, Joseph R. Page, D. D., and Elder James B. Sweet were appointed the committee to prepare the Narrative of the State of Religion for next year.

The Standing Committees on Bills and Overtures, and Judicial Business, reported that no papers had been placed in their hands.

The reports were accepted, and the committees discharged.

The Committee on Leave of Absence reported that permission had been given to the following members of the Synod to retire before the close of its sessions :

Of the Presbytery of Albany : The Rev. Messrs. Peter Stryker, D. D., John Mc C. Holmes, D. D., Timothy G. Darling, D. D., Isaac O. Rankin, Henry A. Lewis, and Elder Chester G. Ham.

Of the Presbytery of Binghamton : The Rev. Messrs. Sabin McKinney, Nathan B. Knapp, and Elder Harvey J. Gaylord.

Of the Presbytery of Boston : The Rev. Messrs. Charles C. Wallace, D. D., and Wm. Brenton Greene, Jr.

Of the Presbytery of Brooklyn : The Rev. Messrs. Adam McClelland, D. D., David R. Frazer, D. D., and Elders James Sample, George Hannah, and George B. Cole.

Of the Presbytery of Buffalo : The Rev. Messrs. Albert T. Chester, D. D., William Waith, Cornelius S. Stowits, and Elders Stephen M. Clement and Oscar Cobb.

Of the Presbytery of Cayuga : The Rev. Messrs. Edwin Benedict, Almon R. Hewitt, Charles C. Hemenway, George B. Stewart, Charles T. Burnley, Giles H. Dunning, and Elder Wm. J. Cornwell.

Of the Presbytery of Chemung : The Rev. Messrs. Alexander O. Peloubet, Stanley D. Jewell, and Elders George W. Bodle and Stephen T. Owen.

Of the Presbytery of Columbia : Rev. George W. Warner.

Of the Presbytery of Genesee : The Rev. Messrs. Andrew B. Morse and Wm. W. Totheroh.

Of the Presbytery of Genesee Valley : Rev. French W. Fisher.

Of the Presbytery of Geneva : The Rev. Messrs. Ezra Jones, Lewis H. Morey, and Elders George C. Pritchard, John H. Tooker, and Wm. P. Rupert.

Of the Presbytery of Hudson : The Rev. Messrs. Amasa S. Freeman, D. D., Alfred P. Botsford, James M. Dickson, John R. Lewis, John E. Lloyd, and Elders Daniel D. Demarest and John Valentine.

Of the Presbytery of Long Island : Rev. Andrew Shiland, D. D.

Of the Presbytery of Lyons : The Rev. Messrs. Chauncey Francisco, Silas McKinney, Warren H. Landon, and Elder Franklin Williams.

Of the Presbytery of Nassau : The Rev. Peter D. Oakey, and Elder John B. Field.

Of the Presbytery of New-York : The Rev. Messrs. S. Irenaeus Prime, D. D., John Hall, D. D., Charles A. Stoddard, D. D., Edward M. Deems and Elder John H. Dey.

Of the Presbytery of Otsego : The Rev. Messrs. Horace H. Allen, Leonard E. Richards, and David M. Rankin.

Of the Presbytery of Rochester : The Rev. Messrs. Joseph R. Page, D. D., Levi Parsons, D. D., Alexander McA. Thorburn, Corliss B. Gardner, Horace P. V. Bogue, Newton H. Bell, Josiah E. Kittredge, and Elder Wm. Alling.

Of the Presbytery of St. Lawrence : Elder Roselle C. Collis.

Of the Presbytery of Steuben : The Rev. Messrs. James M. Platt, Lawrence M. Stevens, Wm. H. Rice, and Elder Tenney K. Gage.

Of the Presbytery of Syracuse : The Rev. Charles S. Durfee, and Elders Nathan Cobb, Thomas Hooker, Gilbert Mollison, and D. Burr Giddings.

Of the Presbytery of Troy : The Rev. Messrs. John Tatlock, D. D., Wm. Bryant, Wm. H. Sybrandt, David M. Hunter, and Elders Elisha S. Peck, Calvin B. Sims, Samuel Thompson, Wm. S. Van Vleck, and James E. Buell.

Of the Presbytery of Utica : The Rev. Messrs. John W. Whitfield, Charles H. Van Wie, Lewis R. Webber, and Edwin H. Dickinson.

Of the Presbytery of Westchester : The Rev. Messrs. Thornton M. Niven, Jr., D. D., Harris R. Schenck, and Elder Joshua L. Dean.

The report was accepted.

It was

Resolved, 1. That the Stated Clerk be authorized to procure, from time to time, whatever books of record, stationery, blanks, printing, etc., may be necessary for the use of the Synod.

2. That the Treasurer be authorized to pay the bills for the incidental expenses of the Synod, including the services of the Janitor.

The following minute was adopted :

WHEREAS, The Board of Home Missions, in a circular letter, has asked that the Synods appoint, each year, committees on Home Missions, to report at the next annual meetings ;

Resolved, That this request be referred to the Committee on the Condition of the Churches and Mission Work within the bounds of the Synod.

The following resolution was adopted unanimously, by a rising vote :

Resolved, That the thanks of the Synod be tendered to the Pastor and other officers of the First Presbyterian Church of Utica, to the Choir of the Church, to the local Committee of arrangements, and to all who have received, or offered to receive, members of the Synod to their homes, or in any way contributed to the warm and hospitable welcome which they have received in the City of Utica ; and to the Trustees and Faculty of Hamilton College for their arrangements in making the visit to that institution so delightful. Also, to the conductors and reporters of the daily press for their excellent notices of the proceedings of the Synod.

It was

Resolved, That our thanks are given to the Moderator for his judicious, efficient and impartial discharge of the duties of his difficult and responsible office during this, the first, session of the Synod of New-York.

The roll was called, and the following members were recorded as having withdrawn from the sessions of the Synod without its permission :

Of the Presbytery of Albany : The Rev. Messrs. Webster W. Belden, D. D., Alexander S. Hoyt, James H. Ecob, D. D., Clarence W. Backus, Albert F. Vedder, and Elders James H. McClure, Talmadge L. Parsons, James W. Morse and Wm. Knox.

Of the Presbytery of Binghamton: The Rev. Messrs. Julius S. Pattengill, Jacob G. Miller, D. D., Isaac G. Ogden, John McVey, Samuel Dunham, G. Parsons Nicholls, D. D., Luther A. Ostrander, Edward W. Lake, J. Lovejoy Robertson, and Elders Myron L. Jones, James B. Gregg and Henry Benton.

Of the Presbytery of Boston: The Rev. John P. Watson.

Of the Presbytery of Brooklyn: Elder Gurdon Burchard.

Of the Presbytery of Buffalo: The Rev. Messrs. Samuel N. Robinson, Chalon Burgess, and Elders Joseph H. Plumb and Edward J. Hall.

Of the Presbytery of Cayuga: The Rev. Messrs. Ransom B. Welch, D. D., Ova H. Seymour, Willis J. Beecher, D. D., Melancthon W. Stryker, Wm. H. Allbright, Wm. A. Barr, and Elders Charles F. Blood and John S. Atwater.

Of the Presbytery of Chemung: The Rev. Messrs. Franklin S. Howe, Charles C. Carr, Augustus W. Cowles, D. D., and Elder Moses S. Converse.

Of the Presbytery of Genesee: The Rev. Messrs. Stephen F. Drew, Theron L. Waldo, E. Wilmot Cummings, and Elders Wm. R. Hulbert, Joseph E. Wilford and Edward C. Walker.

Of the Presbytery of Geneva: The Rev. Messrs. Alfred M. Stowe, D. Henry Palmer, Hugh W. Torrence, Edgar P. Salmon, and Elders Thompson C. Maxwell, Robert J. Swan, Henry J. Peck, Noah T. Clarke and Firman R. Rappleye.

Of the Presbytery of Hudson: Rev. James J. McMahon, and Elder Brewster J. Allison.

Of the Presbytery of Long Island: Rev. Hamilton B. Holmes.

Of the Presbytery of Lyons: The Rev. Messrs. Wm. A. Rice, Wm. H. Bates, John P. Richardson and Elders Eustace Henderson and Stephen D. Vanwickle.

Of the Presbytery of New-York: The Rev. Messrs. Charles C. Darling and Wm. W. Page.

Of the Presbytery of Niagara: Rev. Edward B. Walsworth, D. D., and Elder Richard C. Holmes.

Of the Presbytery of Otsego: The Rev. Messrs. Pliny F. Sanborne, James H. Robinson, Albert C. Bishop, Frank W. Townsend, and Elder Thomas Cope.

Of the Presbytery of Rochester: Rev. Newton J. Conklin, and Elders Daniel C. McPherson and David D. McNair.

Of the Presbytery of St. Lawrence: The Rev. Messrs. Tryon Edwards, D. D., L. Merrill Miller, D. D., Henry M. Dodd, James S. Root, P. Miles Snyder, and Elders Melville H. Thrall, Hugh Witherhead and Ezra B. Pratt.

Of the Presbytery of Steuben: Rev. Benjamin F. Millard, and Elder John N. Hungerford.

Of the Presbytery of Syracuse: The Rev. Messrs. David Torrey, D. D., David Tully, D. D., Charles W. Maccarthy, Nelson Millard, D. D., Marcus N. Preston, Edward G. Thurber, George Bayless, Henry H. Stebbins, David I. Biggar, Isaac Swift, Alfred H. Fahnestock, Benjamin B. Dayton, S. Edwin Koons, Wilton M. Smith, Vernon N. Yergin, Charles F. Janes, and Elders Stephen G. Howe, E. Dwight Loomis and Leman R. Gaylord.

Of the Presbytery of Troy: The Rev. Messrs. Wm. M. Johnson, D. D., Ninian B. Remick, Robert J. Jones, Wm. Reed, Titus E. Davis, and Elders Wm. P. Bliss, Francis G. Crosby, Elijah G. Atwood, Edward N. Dauchy and John Crawford.

Of the Presbytery of Utica: The Rev. Messrs. Selden Haines, D. D., Edward C. Pritchett, Franklin A. Spencer, Benjamin W. Dwight, LL. D., Moses E. Dunham, D. D., Wilson B. Parmelee, James H. Taylor, D. D., Samuel Jessup, Thomas B. Hudson, D. D., Leicester J. Sawyer, Clarence H. Beebe, Frederick A. M. Brown, Albert F. Lyle, George Craig, Isaac O. Best, Edwin F. Robb, Israel N. Terry, John McK. Brayton,

Stanley B. Roberts, and Elders Francis F. Fifield, Merritt Andrews, Ambrose W. Hill, John C. Gallup, Thomas Ellis, James S. Aldridge, Arthur R. Simmons, Wm. S. Youngs, George H. Allen, Duane D. Foote, Philander B. Haven and Corydon D. Rose.

The minutes of the present session were read and approved.

The Synod adjourned to meet in the MADISON SQUARE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH, NEW-YORK, on the third Tuesday (the 16th day) of October, A. D. 1883, at half-past seven o'clock P. M.

Closed with prayer, praise, and the Apostolic Benediction.

J. WILFORD JACKS,
Permanent Clerk.

T. RALSTON SMITH,
Stated Clerk.

A P P E N D I X.

I. THE NARRATIVE OF THE STATE OF RELIGION WITHIN THE BOUNDS OF THE SYNOD OF NEW-YORK, A. D. 1882.

Only fourteen Presbyterian Narratives have been submitted to the committee, while the Synod consists of twenty-nine Presbyteries. The failure in so many instances to report is perhaps due to a doubt as to whether the Synod, at its present meeting, would do more than simply shape itself into readiness for future work. Yet it is proper to call attention to the great importance of every Presbytery sending a report, that we may be possessed of all the history for which we are responsible to God. It will be an especially pleasant feature of our future meetings if the two Presbyteries in foreign lands shall send us narratives, through which we may come to know of them as if they were near by, and be put in closer sympathy with them, in their needs, discouragements and hopes.

It is fair to presume that the Presbyteries which have reported, scattered as they are over all our field, represent the tone of the other Presbyteries. And we are impressed with the general uniformity of experience presented by the narratives read.

The first sad fact that impresses us, is that nowhere has there been the general and intense quickening from on high that corresponds to the experience denominated a "revival." Of no entire Presbytery, and of only a very few individual churches, is a history given of an unusual ingathering of souls to the Master's Kingdom during the year. It has been a period of comparatively quiet church life in this respect. Yet there has been a gain of members in our churches,—a conversion of souls for which the deepest gratefulness is demanded. Thus there has been more than the conserving of established interests; more than the holding of the ground already acquired for the Lord; with all the great amount of faithful pastoral and church work, of doing for God, if silent, yet steady as the light, and of the divine blessing which this implies. At times it is the grandest success, even just the standing fast.

The second fact to be deplored is the tendency upon our sea coasts and our lake borders, during the summer season, to forget the law of the Sabbath in a popular disposition to find amusement and to make excursions upon the Lord's-day. There is not merely the sin upon the part of these pleasure-seekers, but also the evil influence upon the members of our churches in these places, through the power of this example, by the painful distractions to devotion, and by the enlarged demands in many instances upon the household through the increased numbers in the homes. We need, as a Synod, to enjoin that there be added to earnest prayer for the better remembering of the Lord's-day, a more frequent and faithful preaching thereupon, and an effort, strenuously, to aid every wise measure of legislation, and every special religious agency, that seeks to preserve our American Sabbath in the character and possibilities of the past, and with it to preserve, as alone they can be preserved, our church and our nation.

As we turn to what is encouraging, there is much to make our faces bright towards God.

There are few of the narratives that do not speak of increased interest in the prayer meetings; one Presbytery dwelling upon the greatly enlarged numbers in attendance, and the unusual power for good arising from these services. We devoutly recognize this as a present Divine benediction, and a happy omen.

It was to be anticipated that, in this era of the Sunday-School, the narratives would make extensive reference to that department of church-work, and we expected to read, as we do, of interest and enlargement therein. Some of the Presbyteries note the wider use of the lesson helps of our Publication Board; others, the general study of the catechism; still others, a conscientious effort to educate the children in the grace of giving to benevolent objects; a few, the existence or formation of normal classes for the training of the teachers. It is too late in the century to insist upon the importance of this work, and it is not yet the time in our Synod's history to advert to the special duties of our pastors and our churches in this line. Yet the importance of its thought may justify an extract from one Presbyterian narrative, which we shall only read, and leave to the reflection of the Synod: "It is not for us to speak disparagingly of the progress which has been made in the direction of Sunday-School effort, recognizing it, as we do, as one of God's chosen instrumentalities. But when it is remembered that in point of numbers to be reached and influenced the field of Sunday-School labor is constantly widening, and that it has become a painful but none the less recognized fact that the teachings of the family altar and of the Sabbath-evening fireside are becoming more and more subservient to the less regular and responsible instruction of the Sunday-School, it rests upon us as a stigma that in many of our churches the efficiency of the Sunday-School has not been increased, and thus the instrumentality by which we are now expecting most effectually to reach and hold our youth is delusively mocking our expectations. There seems to be now no possibility of our reviving to any great extent the old-style home instruction; and it therefore becomes the duty of every minister and elder of the church to recognize the importance of what has become to so large an extent its substitute, and by hearty and painstaking endeavor seek to make it worthy of the name."

There is an item appearing in nearly all the reports that surely awakens thankful joy—the great number of church debts that have been paid, of church buildings that have been enlarged, repaired, or beautified, and of new church buildings that have been erected or are in process of erection. As one reads these narratives, at the first moment he is almost tempted to think that there has been some collusion of their writers, through which this pleasant story was to be rehearsed to the new Synod. There has been a better collusion—the general and instinctive feeling in our churches that, in this time of prosperity in our land, it eminently becomes us to honor the Lord with our substance; that in substantiality, comfort and comeliness, these places, honored with His presence, the expression of the homage of our spirit, the common home of all God's children,—the rich and the poor,—in their most sacred hours, should have the best done for them that the love and self-denial of our people can accomplish. It cannot but impress the church and the world with our desire to stand honestly before God, to read of debts paid, and of churches dedicated to God without debt. In the reflex influence for good upon our people, and in the enlarged opportunity for usefulness through these three facts of debts removed, churches repaired, and new churches erected, we rejoice. In this unconscious collusion of our churches in all parts of the Synod we recognize the one gracious workmanship indeed—the inspiration of the Holy Ghost.

It is stated, too, that there has been an increase in the benevolent giving of our churches. This also was to be expected in such a time of prosperity, through that spirit of faithfulness in our churches which the preceding facts assert. The narratives do not

afford us sufficient material, and are too few in number; and the work of collating and comparing the statistics of the several hundred churches is too great a task, to permit us to do more than repeat the general statement of these reports. Fuller and more precise information as to the amount of increase, and its relation to our prosperity, must be gathered by another committee and for another meeting of the Synod.

Still another fact indicating the Divine favor in the year past, and placing additional responsibility upon our pastors, while it affords them greater opportunities, is the increase of attendance upon the services of the Lord's house. This is true of all our Presbyteries without exception, and is especially noticed in the narrative of the Presbytery of New-York; although some of the secular journals of that city have been seeking to impress the minds of their readers with a conviction of the lessened hold of the gospel of Christ upon the people.

The last fact to be mentioned, as cause for gratefulness, is the spirit of peace so largely prevailing. It is to be doubted whether there has ever been more of the absence of a disposition towards strife. We who are divinely taught, in the very Psalms which animate us, to pray for the prosperity of Zion, to love her peace as we value being personally blessed of God, bow in most humble, hearty thankfulness over the spirit of harmony, and loyalty in our churches, of which the Presbyteries are able to give assurance.

From these statements this certainly is to be gathered: that the Presbyterian Church within the bounds of the Synod is more than usually well furnished for the good work possible to be done for God and awaiting us as a duty. We are, as the ship in the figure of Guthrie, of staunch build and goodly lines, already upon the sea, well manned, and with sails all spread, ready for the breath of Heaven to bear her to the desired haven. We differ from this figure, as we humbly hope, in that we are not lying idly upon the waters, becalmed. There is a movement onward with our precious freight as God would have us move, the breath divine not having withheld its impelling power; only the ardent longing, breathed through every narrative,—the almost confident expectation of some—is, that this power from on high would come in its fullness. And this these narratives implore, not from a desire for the glory of our Presbyterian Church, but in yearning for the salvation of men, and for His glory from whom are all gifts, and to whom should be all praise; whose love needs but to be met by kindred love in us, whose prayer needs but to be met by the prayer of the church, for all that is dear in hope and blessed in prophecy to be near unto fulfillment.

As a closing word, it remains for us to say that we feel it to be much easier just now to fill the office of the old bard rather than of the historian; of a prophet in the broad Bible sense of the term than of narrator. This Synod has an intently future look. And the tempting is very strong to refer the more to the visions which hope and conscience see in the time to come. But upon this tendency, prudence lays the hand of restraint. Out from the past, out from the earnest debates of yesterday, we come, feeling that as we are entering the future, we are entering a cloud, as, indeed, in advancing we always do; and we can only fervently repeat the prayer so often uttered, that in it we may find the one presence most needful—Jesus. We cross the threshold as the bride crosses the threshold of her new home, with lingering, tender memories of a past for which we are grateful, but with a pulse of confident hope for the new home and the larger work; and this last, the hope, because we know Him who said to His disciples, as they were standing at a similar crisis between the past and the future, "Lo, I am with you always." Out of the darkness He shall bring light, and the light make as the advancing day. Out of the mistakes He shall educe issues of wisdom—the wisdom that is pure and peaceable, gentle and easy to be entreated, without partiality and without hypocrisy, full of mercy and good fruits. Out of the weakness He shall make strong—strong in the Lord and in the power of His might. Better is He than our fears; better is He ever-

more even than our hopes, with this great word still for the right mood of our souls, "Be it unto thee even as thou wilt."

In this spirit would we "occupy" this, our new field, for Christ "till He come."

II. REPORTS OF THE PRESBYTERIES.

THE PRESBYTERY OF ALBANY reports that it consists of fifty-nine ministers, and has under its care forty-seven churches, one licentiate, and eight candidates.

During the year changes have occurred as follows :

Charles G. Matteson was received as a licentiate October 12th, and ordained and installed pastor of the Church of West Troy, November 1st, 1881.

Rev. Alphonso R. Olney was received October 12th, and installed pastor of the Church of Ballston Spa, October 25th, 1881.

Licentiate Herbert R. Rundall was received and ordained November 1st, 1881.

Rev. William R. Terrett was received November 29th, and installed pastor of the Second Church, Saratoga Springs, December 15th, 1881.

Rev. Charles Wood was received November 29th, and installed pastor of the Fourth Church of Albany, December 21st, 1881.

Licentiate Albert W. Dickens was received, ordained, and installed pastor of the Church of Stephentown, February 28th, 1882.

Rev. Willard P. Gibson was received June 13th, 1882, and became the Stated Supply of the Churches of Conklingville and Day.

Pastoral relations have been dissolved as follows :

Between Rev. David M. Hunter and the Church of Broadalbin, December 30th, 1881 ;

Between Rev. Wm. Durant and the Sixth Church of Albany, April 18th, 1882 ;

Between Rev. Robert A. Hill and the Church of Princetown ; Rev. Wm. H. Ford and the Church of New Scotland ; and Rev. John C. Boyd and the Church of Kingsboro, June 13th, 1882.

Members have been dismissed as follows :

October 11th, 1881, Rev. James G. K. McClure, to the Presbytery of Chicago ;

April 18th, 1882, Rev. Moses E. Dunham, D. D., to the Presbytery of Utica, Rev. David Murdoch, D. D., to the Presbytery of Westchester, and Rev. Wm. Durant, to the Presbytery of Morris and Orange ;

June 13th, 1882, Rev. Wm. H. Ford, to the Presbytery of Monmouth, and Rev. Robert A. Hill, to the Presbytery of Pittsburgh ;

September 19th, 1882, Rev. Herbert R. Rundall, to the Presbytery of West Jersey.

Mr. Wm. C. Taylor was received under the care of the Presbytery and licensed, April 18th, 1882.

Four other candidates have been received.

Rev. Ebenezer Halley, D. D., died October 31st, 1881, and Rev. Royal A. Avery, February 11th, 1882.

THE PRESBYTERY OF BINGHAMTON reports that it consists of twenty-nine ministers, and has under its care twenty-eight churches, three licentiates and two candidates.

It further reports the reception :

December 14th, 1881, of the Rev. Jacob G. Miller, D. D., from the Presbytery of Lackawanna ;

April 19th, 1882, of the Rev. G. Parsons Nicholls, D. D., from the Presbytery of Milwaukee, and the Rev. Wm. A. Beecher from the Presbytery of St. Lawrence;

September 19th, of the Rev. Charles Ray from the Presbytery of Geneva, and the Rev. J. Lovejoy Robertson from the Presbytery of Cleveland.

On the 20th of April, 1882, it ordained Messrs. George S. Webster and Andrew S. Carver, and dismissed Mr. Webster to the Presbytery of Morris and Orange.

On the 13th of June it dissolved the pastoral relation between the Rev. Palmer S. Hulbert and the Church of Waverly, and dismissed Mr. Hulbert to the Presbytery of Denver.

On the 22d of December, 1881, it installed the Rev. Jacob G. Miller, D. D., pastor of the Church at Marathon;

May 16th, 1882, the Rev. Stephen G. Hopkins pastor of the Church at Deposit;

May 24th, the Rev. Wm. A. Beecher pastor of the Church at Conklin.

THE PRESBYTERY OF BOSTON reports that it consists of thirty-seven ministers, and has under its care eighteen churches and four candidates for the ministry.

It also reports that it organized the Springfield Street, Boston, Church, March 2d, and the German Presbyterian Church, Manchester, N. H., July 26th, 1882.

December 21st, 1881, it received from the Maine Congregational Association the Rev. Joseph S. Cogswell, and on the same day installed him pastor of the Church at Windham, N. H.

March 28th, 1882, it dissolved the pastoral relation between the Rev. Wm. H. Sybrandt and the Church at South Boston, and dismissed Mr. Sybrandt to the Presbytery of Troy. On the same day it ordained licentiate Horace N. Pond as an evangelist, and ordered the Stated Clerk to grant him a letter of dismission to such Presbytery, and at such time as Mr. Pond might designate; and he was, according to that order, dismissed to the Presbytery of Nebraska City.

April 12th, it dissolved the pastoral relation between the Rev. Francis E. Marsten and the Church at East Boston.

On the same day, Emil Behrens and Harry King were received as candidates for the ministry.

May 9th, it dissolved the pastoral relation between Rev. Frank H. Allen and the Church at New Boston.

October 11th, it received from the Rutland, Vermont, Congregational Association, licentiate James A. Flagg, and from Brooklyn Presbytery licentiate Frederick E. Erhardt, and took under its care Mr. Mainwaring as a candidate for the ministry.

October 16th, it ordained licentiate Frederick E. Erhardt, and installed him pastor of the German Presbyterian Church at Manchester, N. H.

October 25th, it ordained licentiate James A. Flagg, and installed him pastor of the Church at South Ryegate, Vermont.

THE PRESBYTERY OF BROOKLYN reports that it consists of forty-seven Ministers, and has under its care twenty-two churches, three licentiates and five candidates for the ministry.

November 2d, 1881, the pastoral relation was dissolved between the Rev. Aaron Peck and the First Church, Brooklyn, E. D.

December 7th, Rev. Theodore A. Leggett was received from the Presbytery of Hudson, and Rev. Newell Woolsey Wells from the Presbytery of Otsego.

December 22d, Rev. Theodore A. Leggett was installed as pastor of Calvary Church.

April 10th, 1882, licentiate Albert H. Trick was dismissed to the Presbytery of Chicago; the name of licentiate James Noble was dropped from the roll; Frederick E.

Erhardt was licensed to preach the Gospel, and licentiate John G. Hehr was received from the Presbytery of Newark.

April 18th, Rev. N. Woolsey Wells was installed as co-pastor of the South Third Street Church.

April 19th, Samuel A. Harlow was licensed to preach the Gospel, and licentiate John G. Hehr was ordained as an Evangelist.

August 4th, licentiate Frederick E. Erhardt was dismissed to the Presbytery of Boston.

October 9th, Rev. John Boyd was received from the Presbytery of Westminster, and Rev. D. M. Woolley from the Presbytery of Freeport.

October 15th, Licentiate Samuel A. Harlow was ordained as an Evangelist.

July 29th, 1882, Rev. Joel Edson Rockwell, D. D., entered into his rest at the age of sixty-six years.

THE PRESBYTERY OF BUFFALO reports that it consists of forty-eight ministers, and has under its care thirty-two churches, three licentiates and five candidates.

It further reports that on the 18th of October, 1881, the Rev. Gavin L. Hamilton was received from the Presbytery of Rochester.

November 1st, the Rev. Rufus S. Green was received from the Presbytery of Morris and Orange, and installed pastor of the Lafayette-Street Church, Buffalo.

November 14th, the Rev. Charles Wood was dismissed to the Presbytery of Albany.

December 12th, the Rev. Wm. S. Hubbell was received from the Congregational Church of East Somerville, Mass., and installed pastor of the North Church, Buffalo. On the same date, the Rev. John A. Wells was dismissed to the Presbytery of Red River.

January 16th, 1882, the Rev. Wm. P. Barker departed this life at Ogden, Utah, aged fifty-nine years.

April 11th, the Rev. Charles Crocker was dismissed to the Presbytery of Emporia, the Rev. Ezra Jones to the Presbytery of Geneva, the Rev. Alphonso L. Benton to the Presbytery of Lackawanna, and the Rev. Albert F. Hale to the Presbytery of Topeka. At the same date, Charles Townsend and Wm. F. Faber were licensed to preach the Gospel.

April 20th, the Rev. Charles S. Blodgett was ordained and installed pastor of the Church at Clarence.

June 13th, Mr. Oliver H. Chapin was licensed to preach the Gospel, and, July 5th, was ordained for service on the foreign field.

October 3d, the Rev. Frederick Long was received from the Congregational body, and the Rev. Martin D. Kneeland from the Presbytery of Geneva.

THE PRESBYTERY OF CAYUGA reports that it consists of twenty-eight ministers, and has under its care twenty-two churches, eight licentiates, and eight candidates for the ministry.

On the 27th of December, 1881, it dismissed licentiate Wm. L. Ould to the Presbytery of Baltimore, licentiate Dwight E. Marvine to the Hudson River Congregational Association, and licentiate Dewey E. Jones to the Hudson, Mich., Association.

April 11th, 1882, it dismissed licentiate Robert A. Carnahan to the Presbytery of Lansing, and licentiate Edwin H. Dickinson to the Presbytery of Utica, and received Rev. Frank H. Coffran from the Susquehanna Association.

April 12th, it ordained Mr. Wm. H. Lester, under appointment of the Board of Foreign Missions, to labor in Chili, S. A.

May 11th, it dismissed the Rev. Charles Ray to the Presbytery of Binghamton, and also the following licentiates: Henry Peck to the Congregational Association of —, Bradford V. Putnam to the Presbytery of Nassau, and John C. Henderson to the Presbytery of Niagara.

July 11th, it dismissed licentiate Newton W. Cadwell to the care of the Presbytery of Elizabeth.

September 19th, it dismissed Rev. Frank H. Coffran to the Presbytery of Otsego, and licentiate Robert R. Watkins to the care of the Presbytery of Genesee Valley, and received Rev. Wm. A. Barr from the Presbytery of Nassau. At the same date it received under its care the Church of Fair Haven, formerly connected with the Classis of Geneva.

September 20th, it dissolved the pastoral relation between Rev. Chester P. Murray and the Church of Springport, and ordained and installed licentiate Giles H. Dunning as pastor of the Church of Dryden.

THE PRESBYTERY OF CHAMPLAIN reports that it consists of eighteen ministers, and has under its care eighteen churches and one licentiate.

On the 12th of October, 1881, it dismissed Rev. Henry E. Butler to the Southern Association of Illinois, and received Rev. Thornton A. Mills from the Presbytery of Waterloo.

June 21st, 1882, it dissolved the pastoral relation between Rev. Charles H. A. Bulkley and the Church of Port Henry, to take effect in September.

August 29th, 1882, it dissolved the pastoral relation between Rev. Thomas A. Hamilton and the Church of Beekmantown.

THE PRESBYTERY OF CHEMUNG reports that it consists of twenty-six ministers, and has under its care twenty-three churches and four candidates for the ministry.

On the 18th of April, 1882, Rev. Semi W. Lindsley was dismissed to the Presbytery of Wellsboro; Rev. Samuel B. Stevenson was received from the Presbytery of Genesee Valley, and Rev. Solomon W. Weiss was received from the M. E. Conference of Wyoming. At the same date the Franklin-Street Church in Elmira, organized February 4th, was received under the care of Presbytery.

August 31st, Rev. Daniel Washburn departed this life, aged ninety years.

October 19th, Rev. Fordyce Harrington was received from the Presbytery of Steuben.

THE PRESBYTERY OF COLUMBIA reports that it consists of seventeen ministers, and has under its care twenty churches.

On the 25th of April, 1882, Rev. Charles Boynton was dismissed to the Presbytery of Wisconsin River, Rev. Willard P. Gibson to the Presbytery of Albany, and Rev. Andrew Parsons to the Classis of Schoharie.

On the 26th of April, Mr. John N. Hayes was ordained as an Evangelist, to labor, under appointment of the Board of Foreign Missions, in China, and was dismissed to the Presbytery of Shanghai.

THE PRESBYTERY OF GENESEE reports that it consists of twenty-four ministers, and has under its care twenty-three churches.

It reports, further, that Rev. Charles A. Keeler departed this life, March 6th, 1882, aged sixty-seven years.

On the 11th of April, 1882, the Church of Le Roy and Bergen, formerly known as the Stone Church, was received and enrolled.

The pastoral relation between Rev. Washington D. McKinley and the Church of Pike was dissolved April 25th.

The Rev. Wm. W. Tothoroh was received, October 11th, from the Presbytery of Chester, and installed pastor of the Church at Le Roy.

THE PRESBYTERY OF GENESEE VALLEY reports that it consists of twelve ministers, and has under its care fifteen churches.

On the 10th of April, 1882, Rev. Joseph E. Tinker was dismissed to the Congregational Association of Western New-York, and Rev. John W. Simpson to the Presbytery of Cleveland.

Rev. David Winters was received on the same date from the Presbytery of Philadelphia, and was installed pastor of the Church at Olean, April 25th.

Rev. Jesse Lee was received, April 11th, from the Independent Congregational Church, England.

The Rev. J. Shepherd Bingham was dismissed, September 12th, to the Presbytery of Milwaukee.

September 27th, Rev. French W. Fisher was installed pastor of the Church at Portville.

THE PRESBYTERY OF GENEVA reports that it consists of thirty-four ministers, and has under its care twenty-one churches and three licentiates.

October 5th, 1881, licentiate Charles K. Scoon was dismissed to the care of the Presbytery of Binghamton, and April 18th, 1882, licentiate Stanley B. Roberts to the care of the Presbytery of Utica.

June 13th, 1882, Henry A. Porter was licensed as a probationer for the holy ministry.

October 5th, 1881, Rev. Elbert W. Cuming was dismissed to the Presbytery of Genesee, and July 24th, 1882, Rev. Martin D. Kneeland to the Presbytery of Buffalo.

April 18th, 1882, Rev. Ezra Jones was received from the Presbytery of Buffalo, and September 20th, 1882, Rev. John McLachlan from the Presbytery of Erie.

January 10th, 1882, Daniel A. Blose, a licentiate, received from the Presbytery of Kittanning, was ordained and installed pastor of the Church of West Dresden.

July 21, 1882, Rev. Martin D. Kneeland resigned his pastoral charge of the church of Waterloo.

THE PRESBYTERY OF HUDSON reports that it consists of forty-four ministers, and has under its care forty-four churches and two candidates.

It further reports that on the 29th of November, 1881, the Rev. Theodore A. Leggett was released from the pastoral charge of the Church in Chester, and dismissed to the Presbytery of Brooklyn.

On the 23d of December, the Rev. James B. Beaumont was released from the pastoral charge of the Washingtonville First Church, and dismissed to the Presbytery of Morris and Orange.

On the 17th of April, the Rev. Thomas B. Thomas was received from the (Welsh) Presbytery of Northern Pennsylvania, and, on the 15th of May, installed pastor of the Church of Monroe.

On the 27th of June, licentiate Thomas C. Beattie was received from the Presbytery of New Brunswick, and the same day ordained and installed pastor of the Church in Chester.

On the 18th of July, the Rev. John P. Scott, D. D., was released from the pastoral charge of the Church in Monticello, and dismissed to the Presbytery of Cincinnati.

On the 19th of September, the Rev. James W. McIlvain was released from the pastoral charge of the Church of Palisades, and dismissed to the Presbytery of Baltimore.

THE PRESBYTERY OF LONG ISLAND reports that it consists of twenty-two ministers, and has under its care twenty-two churches and two candidates.

On the 12th of April, 1882, the Rev. Robert H. Wilkinson was received from the Presbytery of Jersey City, and the Rev. Nicholas J. M. Bogert from the Presbytery of Lehigh; and calls for the pastoral care of the Rev. Mr. Bogert from the Churches of Bellport and South Haven were put into his hands. He was permitted to hold them as pastor-elect for the present.

On the 12th of April, 1882, Mr. E. Trumbull Lee was received under the care of the Presbytery as a candidate for the ministry, and licensed to preach the Gospel. On the 13th of the same month he was ordained as an Evangelist, and at his own request dismissed to the Presbytery of Oregon, with a view to missionary service in the City of Portland.

On the 12th of April, 1882, an appropriate minute was adopted on the decease of the Rev. Charles M. Oakley, which occurred at his residence in Northport, Long Island, February 16th, 1882, in the sixty-seventh year of his age, and the fortieth of his ministry.

On the 12th of April, 1882, the Rev. Dr. William B. Reeve resigned the office of Treasurer, and a suitable minute was adopted, in view of the fact that he had most worthily filled it for twenty-eight consecutive years. The Rev. William H. Littell, pastor of Setauket, was unanimously elected Treasurer.

On the 28th of September, 1882, the Rev. John Woodruff was dismissed at his own request to the Presbytery of Hastings.

THE PRESBYTERY OF LYONS reports that it consists of seventeen ministers, and has under its care eighteen churches.

On the 10th of April, 1882, Rev. John P. Richardson was received from the Black River and St. Lawrence Congregational Association. At the same meeting licentiate Matthew Gaffney was dismissed to the Wyoming Congregational Conference; and the pastoral relation was dissolved between Rev. A. Augustus Wood, D. D., and the Church of Lyons.

The Rev. William Young departed this life July 10th, 1882.

On the 12th of September, the pastoral relation was dissolved between Rev. Elias B. Fisher and the Church of Savannah.

THE PRESBYTERY OF NASSAU reports that it consists of twenty-four ministers, and has under its care twenty-three churches.

November 4th, 1881, Rev. James C. Nightingale was dismissed to the Presbytery of New-York, and Rev. William W. Knox was released from the pastoral charge of the Second Church, Huntington, and dismissed to the Classis of Bergen, N. J.

January 24th, 1882, licentiate John F. Williamson was received from the Presbytery of Elizabeth, and ordained and installed pastor of the Church at Glen Cove.

April 11th, Rev. C. Schwartzback was dismissed to the South Classis of Long Island, Rev. William A. Barr to the Presbytery of Cayuga, and Rev. Charles R. Strong to the Presbytery of St. Paul.

May 31st, Rev. Clarence Geddes was received from the Presbytery of Jersey City and installed pastor of the Church at Astoria; and Rev. Charles Symington was dismissed to the Presbytery of Westchester.

August 11th, licentiate Bradford V. Putnam was received from the Presbytery of Cayuga, and ordained and installed pastor of the Second Church, Huntington.

October 3d, Rev. Charles F. Boynton was released from the pastoral charge of the Freeport Church, and Rev. George H. Payson from that of the Roslyn Church.

October 11th, licentiate Frederick B. Hopkins was ordained and installed pastor of the Church at Hempstead.

October 12th, Rev. George H. Payson was installed pastor of the Church at Newtown.

May 14th, 1882, at Jamaica, Rev. James M. Hunting departed this life in the eighty-fourth year of his age, and June 2d, at Newtown, Rev. John P. Knox, LL. D., aged seventy years.

THE PRESBYTERY OF NEW-YORK reports that it consists of one hundred and twenty-six ministers, and has under its care thirty-nine churches, twenty-two licentiates, and eighteen candidates.

It further reports the death of Rev. Henry P. Tappan, D. D., at Vevay, Switzerland, on the 15th of November, 1881, and of the Rev. Henry Highland Garnet, D. D., at Monrovia, Liberia, February 13th, 1882.

On the 7th of November, 1881, the name of the Rev. Albert B. Simpson was dropped from the roll. On the same day the Rev. William Stephenson was received from the North Classis of Long Island, the Rev. James Marshall from the Presbytery of Jersey City, the Rev. George H. Morrill from the Presbytery of West Chester, the Rev. James C. Nightingale from the Presbytery of Nassau, and licentiate Henry T. McEwen from the Presbytery of Erie. On the same day Harvey Shaw was received as a candidate for the ministry, and the Rev. Howard A. Talbot was dismissed to the Presbytery of Winnebago.

On the 17th of November, licentiate Henry T. McEwen was ordained as an evangelist.

On the 5th of December, the Rev. Philemon R. Day was received from the Hudson River Congregational Association.

On the 3d of January, 1882, the Rev. John K. Davis was dismissed to the Presbytery of Newark, and Messrs. Walter Lowrie and James D. Paxton were received as candidates for the ministry.

On the 12th, Calvary Church was organized.

On the 6th of February, the Rev. Thomas S. Hastings, D. D., was released from the charge of the West Church, the Rev. Joseph P. Lestrade was received from the Presbytery of Atlantic, and the Rev. Robert S. Feagles from the Presbytery of Morris and Orange.

On the same day Messrs. James F. Garvin, Thomas C. Hall, ⁱⁿ ~~est~~ A. Richard Birkenback were received as candidates for the ministry.

On the 6th of March, licentiate Francis Brown was received from the Manhattan Congregational Association, and Messrs. John A. McColl and Charles D. Maclaren were received as candidates for the ministry.

On the 20th, licentiates Francis Brown and Francis Kecskemeti were ordained as Evangelists.

On the 23d, the Rev. John R. Paxton was received from the Presbytery of Washington City; and the Second German Church was organized.

On the 10th of April, the name of licentiate Robert T. Liston was dropped from the roll, and licentiate Eugene Peck was transferred to the Presbytery of Otsego.

On the 30th, the Rev. John R. Paxton was installed pastor of the West Church.

On the 12th, licentiate R. Howard Bent was transferred to the Presbytery of Philadelphia North.

On the 1st of May, licentiate Allan Marquand returned his license, Rev. Edward Pratt was dismissed to the Presbytery of Idaho, the Rev. Llewellyn D. Bevan, D. D., was released from the charge of the Brick Church, the Rev. Edward T. Bromfield was dismissed to the Presbytery of West Chester, and Messrs. Charles P. Fagnani, Gilbert Reid, Thomas C. Hall, Charles D. Maclaren, John A. McColl and Harvey Shaw were licensed to preach the gospel.

On the 7th, Charles D. Maclaren, Gilbert Reid and Harvey Shaw were ordained as foreign missionaries.

On the 5th of June, the Rev. John M. Worrall, D. D., was received from the Presbytery of Chicago, and, on the 18th, installed pastor of the Thirteenth Street Church.

On the 11th of August, licentiate William T. Oliver was transferred to the Presbytery of Hastings.

On the 22d of September, licentiate Horace D. Sassanjan was transferred to the Presbytery of New-Brunswick.

On the 2d of October, the Rev. Llewellyn D. Bevan, D. D., was dismissed to the Con-

gregational Union of London, and the Rev. Gilbert Reid to the Presbytery of Shantung. On the same day Walter D. Buchanan and Franklin B. Dwight were received as candidates for the ministry.

On the 8th licentiate Charles P. Fagnani was ordained as an Evangelist.

THE PRESBYTERY OF NIAGARA reports that it consists of twenty-three ministers, and has under its care eighteen churches, one licentiate and one candidate.

On April 24th, 1882, it dismissed Rev. John M. Van Wagner to the Grand River Congregational Association, and dissolved the Presbyterian Church of Millville.

On the next day it received Rev. David M. Rankin from the Presbytery of Rochester, and Rev. Francis R. Wade from the New-York Western Christian Conference.

On July 13th it ordained and installed Mr. Maltbie D. Babcock as pastor of the First Church of Lockport.

On September 25th it received Rev. N. Foster Brown from the Presbytery of Huntingdon, Rev. Solon A. Whitcomb from the Presbytery of Rochester, and licentiate John C. Henderson from the Presbytery of Cayuga.

On October 10th it installed Rev. N. Foster Brown pastor of the Church at Carlton.

THE PRESBYTERY OF NORTH RIVER reports that it consists of forty-four ministers, and has under its care thirty-two churches, two licentiates and one candidate.

It further reports that on October 19th, 1881, it dismissed Rev. Wm. E. Westervelt to the Presbytery of Philadelphia North, and January 10th, 1882, Rev. Isaac Clark to the Hampshire Congregational Association, Massachusetts.

April 18th, 1882, it received Rev. Goodloe B. Bell from the Classis of Orange, and dismissed Rev. John Fitch to the Presbytery of Brooklyn.

May 1st, 1882, Messrs. Lee W. Beattie and Albert S. Mays were licensed to preach the Gospel, and Rev. Wm. G. Westervelt was received from the Presbytery of Kearney.

May 16th, 1882, Rev. Goodloe B. Bell was installed pastor of the Church of Amenia.

October 3d, 1882, Rev. Irving Magie, D. D., was received from the Evangelical Lutheran Synod of New-York and New-Jersey, and licentiate Albert S. Mays was ordained as an Evangelist.

THE PRESBYTERY OF OROOMIAH. No report.

THE PRESBYTERY OF OTSEGO reports that it consists of twenty-four ministers, and has under its care twenty-six churches, one licentiate and one candidate for the ministry.

The following members have been dismissed:

Rev. Newell Woolsey Wells to the Presbytery of Brooklyn, October 19th, 1881;

Rev. Henry N. Payne to the Presbytery of Fort Dodge, Rev. William A. Dunning to the Presbytery of Alton, and Rev. Seward M. Dodge to the Presbytery of Vincennes, April 25th;

Rev. Frederick A. M. Brown to the Presbytery of Utica, April 26th, 1882.

Rev. G. Flavel Humphreys was received from the Rhode Island Association of Congregational Churches, April 26th, and Rev. Peter Q. Wilson from the Presbytery of Philadelphia Central, September 12th, 1882.

Mr. Eugene Peck, a licentiate of New-York Presbytery, was received, and ordained as an Evangelist April 26th, and Mr. Charles S. Barrett, a licentiate of the Presbytery of New-Brunswick was received, and ordained as an Evangelist September 13th, 1882.

Mr. George Soper was taken under the care of Presbytery as a candidate for the ministry September 13th, 1882.

The Rev. Hiram W. Lee died at Laurens, January 22d, 1882, aged seventy-two years.

The Church of Oxford (Congregational) by its own action withdrew from the Presbytery, and its name was dropped from the roll April 26th, 1882. The Church of Middletown, nearly extinct, was dropped at the same time, and the Church of Buel was received and enrolled.

The pastoral relation between Rev. F. A. M. Brown and the Second Church of Delhi was dissolved April 26th, 1882.

Pastoral relations were formed between Rev. Frank H. Seeley and the Second Church of Delhi July 19th, 1882, and between Rev. Walter Fry and the Church of Colchester August 22d, 1882.

THE PRESBYTERY OF ROCHESTER reports that it consists of sixty-one ministers, and has under its care forty-four churches, three licentiates and seven candidates.

It further reports that on October 27th, 1881, Rev. F. Swartz Crawford was installed pastor of the Church at Groveland, and November 3d the Rev. William G. Hubbard pastor of the Church at Parma Centre.

March 7th, 1882, Rev. Thomas Stephenson was released from the pastoral charge of the Church of Caledonia, and dismissed to the Presbytery of Rock River.

April 11th, 1882, Theodore S. Day, and May 15th, Theodore M. McNair were licensed to preach the Gospel.

June 26th, 1882, Rev. Elijah H. Bonney departed this life, aged sixty-six; and June 28th, Rev. Thomas A. Weed departed this life, aged sixty-four.

September 18th, 1882, Rev. Solon A. Whitcomb was dismissed to the Presbytery of Niagara.

On the next day the Rev. Thomas Aitken was released from the pastoral charge of the First and Second Churches of Sparta, after a faithful service in the same of over forty-three years; and Mr. Aitken was recognized as pastor *emeritus*.

THE PRESBYTERY OF ST. LAWRENCE reports that it consists of twenty-one ministers, and has under its care thirty churches and six licentiates.

July 31st, 1882, it dismissed Rev. Alexander Adair to the Presbytery of Idaho, and on the 27th of September Rev. Samuel L. Merrill to the Hampshire East Association, Massachusetts.

THE PRESBYTERY OF SIAM reports that it consists of seven ministers, and has under its care eight churches, four licentiates, and two candidates for the ministry.

THE PRESBYTERY OF STEUBEN reports that it consists of twenty-two ministers, and has under its care twenty churches and one candidate for the ministry.

On the 5th of October, 1881, Rev. Alvin Cooper was received from the Presbytery of Lyons and assigned to the Church of Howard as its stated supply.

At the same time Mr. Frederick Campbell was received as a licentiate from the Presbytery of Rochester, and on the 25th of April, 1882, he was ordained as an Evangelist.

Since the opening of this meeting of the Synod Rev. William H. Rice has been received from the Presbytery of Utica, and Rev. Fordyce Harrington has been dismissed to the Presbytery of Chemung.

THE PRESBYTERY OF SYRACUSE reports that it consists of twenty-nine ministers, and has under its care thirty-five churches and two licentiates.

The following members have been dismissed:

April 10th, 1882, Rev. Francis J. Richards to the Presbytery of Platte;

September 12th, Rev. Edward P. Dada to the Susquehanna Association, and Rev. Henry C. Hazen to the Presbytery of Niagara;

October 18th, Rev. Sybrandt Nelson to the Presbytery of Rochester.

Licentiate Maltbie D. Babcock was transferred to the care of the Presbytery of Niagara, April 10th, 1882.

The following have been received :

April 11th, 1882, Rev. Henry D. Kurtz from the Presbytery of New-Brunswick ;

September 12th, Rev. Peter Rizer from the Evangelical Lutheran Church, and Rev. Charles F. Janes from the Presbytery of Utica ;

October 18th, Rev. Tamura Haomi from the Eastern Presbytery of the Union Church of Christ in Japan.

The following pastoral relations have been dissolved :

April 11th, 1882, between Rev. John C. Hill and the Church of Fayetteville ;

September 12th, between Rev. Henry C. Hazen and the Church of Manlius.

THE PRESBYTERY OF TROY reports that it consists of fifty-six ministers, and has under its care forty-two churches, one licentiate and five candidates.

On the 21st of February, 1882, the Rev. John P. Cushman was received from the Presbytery of Boston ; the Rev. William Reed was received from the Presbytery of Buffalo, and subsequently installed over the Memorial Church, Troy ; the Rev. David M. Hunter was received from the Presbytery of Albany, and shortly after installed as pastor of the Church at Salem.

June 20th, 1882, the Rev. W. C. Brown was received from the Presbytery of Baltimore, and on July 6th installed as pastor of the Liberty Street Church, Troy ;

The Rev. Wm. H. Sybrandt was received from the Presbytery of Boston, and installed June 29th as pastor of the Oakwood Avenue Church, Troy ;

The Rev. H. A. Lounsbury was received from the Middlesex Union Association ; and Mr. George M. Wenrich, a candidate for the ministry, was received from the Presbytery of Carlisle, and licensed to preach the Gospel, and on July 25th he was ordained and installed as pastor of the Hebron Church.

The Rev. George Davis Adams was released from the Oakwood Avenue Church, Troy, November 21st, 1881, and his name was dropped from the roll, he having applied for orders in the Protestant Episcopal Church.

Albert W. Dickens, licentiate, was dismissed to the care of the Presbytery of Albany, February 21st, 1882.

The Rev. James P. Viele was dismissed to the Presbytery of Utica, June 20th, 1882.

The Rev. Henry G. Blinn was released from the pastorate of the Cambridge Church, at the same date, after twelve years of faithful and fruitful labor.

The Rev. Andrew M. Beveridge, D. D., was released from the pastorate of the First Church of Lansingburgh July 3d, 1882, after a devoted and successful service of twenty-four years.

The Rev. Lorrain Rood, a suspended member, died at Hartford, Conn., August 30th, 1879, aged about seventy-five. His decease was not made known to Presbytery until within the year.

The Rev. Lewis Kellogg died at Whitehall, N. Y., February 11th, 1882, aged seventy-six, after a zealous and useful ministry of forty-seven years.

The Rev. Alexander B. Bullions, D. D., died at Lansingburgh, N. Y., May 16th, 1882, leaving the memory of a pure life and a long and devoted service.

THE PRESBYTERY OF UTICA reports that it consists of fifty-six ministers, and has under its care forty-two churches, five licentiates and seven candidates for the ministry.

It also reports that on the 5th of June, 1882, it received the Rev. Moses E. Dunham,

D. D., Ph. D., from the Presbytery of Albany, and the Rev. Thomas R. G. Peck from the Classis of Westchester, N. Y.; on the 12th of July the Rev. Frederick A. M. Brown from the Presbytery of Otsego; and on the 26th of July the Rev. James P. Viele from the Presbytery of Troy.

On the 15th of April, 1882, it received licentiate Edwin H. Dickinson from the Presbytery of Cayuga, and on the 5th of June licentiate Stanley B. Roberts from the Presbytery of Geneva.

On October 25th, 1881, it installed the Rev. Edwin F. Robb as pastor of the Church of Boonville, and November 1st the Rev. Charles F. Goss as pastor of the Bethany Church of Utica.

On the 14th of April, 1882, it dissolved the pastoral relation between the Rev. Albert H. Corliss and the Church of Waterville.

On the 16th of May it ordained Mr. Wm. E. Dodge as an Evangelist.

June 20th it ordained Mr. Stanley B. Roberts, and installed him pastor of the Church of Vernon Centre.

July 12th it installed the Rev. Thomas R. G. Peck pastor of the Church of Waterville, and July 25th the Rev. Frederick A. M. Brown pastor of the Church of Little Falls.

July 26th it ordained Mr. Edwin H. Dickinson and installed him pastor of the Church of Knoxboro.

August 29th it installed the Rev. James P. Viele pastor of the Church of Vernon.

On the 14th of April, 1882, it licensed candidates Charles D. Barrows and Orson L. White.

On the 18th of October, 1881, it dismissed licentiate Peter Lindsay to the Ontario Congregational Association, June 5th, 1882, licentiate J. Gilbert Blue to the Presbytery of Binghamton, and August 29th licentiate William S. Carter to the Presbytery of Wellsboro.

August 29th it dismissed the Rev. Charles F. Janes to the Presbytery of Syracuse, and September 11th the Rev. Wm. H. Rice to the Presbytery of Steuben.

The Rev. John W. Mears, D. D., departed this life November 10th, 1881, and the Rev. Calvin Yale August 17th, 1882.

The name of the West Utica Church has been changed to the Memorial Church.

THE PRESBYTERY OF WESTCHESTER reports that it consists of sixty ministers, and has under its care thirty-nine churches, five licentiates and four candidates.

Ministers received :

October 19th, 1881, Rev. Daniel N. Freeland from the Presbytery of Hudson;

April 18th, 1882, Rev. David Murdoch, D. D., from the Presbytery of Albany;

June 20th, Rev. Edward T. Bromfield from the Presbytery of New-York, and Rev. Henry C. Baskerville from the Troy Annual Conference of the Methodist Episcopal Church;

October 4th, Rev. Frank V. Mills from the Windsor Congregational Council.

Ministers dismissed :

October 19th, 1881, Rev. George W. Morrill to the Presbytery of New-York;

October 4th, 1882, Rev. Edwards P. Cleaveland to the Presbytery of Cleveland, Rev. Henry C. Baskerville to the Presbytery of Red River, and Rev. Frank V. Mills to the Presbytery of Ningpo.

April 19th, 1882, licentiate Joseph F. Flindt was received from the Andover Association.

Candidates received :

January 17th, 1882, John Montgomery and Frank H. Hays.

October 5th, John H. Hobbs.

April 19th, 1882, Eugene Lyttle, Frank H. Hays and Wm. S. Kelsey were licensed to preach the Gospel.

October 4th, 1882, licentiate Frank H. Hays was dismissed to the Presbytery of Omaha, and licentiate H. H. Kelsey to the Suffolk West Congregational Conference.

Pastoral relations dissolved :

December 12th, 1881, between Rev. Wm. R. Lord and the Church at Riverdale ;

April 18th, 1882, between Rev. Edwards P. Cleaveland and the Church of Darien ;

June 17th, between Rev. George M. McCampbell and the Church at South Salem.

Installations :

November 13th, 1881, Rev. Daniel N. Freeland was installed as pastor of the Huguenot Memorial Church, and May 2, 1882, Rev. David Murdoch, D. D., as pastor of the Second Church of Peekskill.

S U M M A R Y .

PRESBYTERIES.	MINISTERS.	CHURCHES.	LICENTIATES.	CANDIDATES.
Albany,	59	47	1	8
Binghamton,	29	28	3	2
Boston,	37	18	0	4
Brooklyn,	47	22	3	5
Buffalo,	48	32	3	5
Cayuga,	28	22	8	8
Champlain,	18	18	1	0
Chemung,	26	23	0	4
Columbia,	17	20	0	0
Genesee,	24	23	0	0
Genesee Valley,	12	15	0	0
Geneva,	34	21	3	0
Hudson,	44	44	0	2
Long Island,	22	22	0	2
Lyons,	17	18	0	0
Nassau,	24	23	0	0
New-York,	126	39	22	18
Niagara,	23	18	1	1
North River,	44	32	2	1
Oroomiah,*	11	28	0	20
Otsego,	24	26	1	1
Rochester,	61	44	3	7
St. Lawrence,	21	30	6	0
Siam,	7	8	4	2
Steuben,	22	20	0	1
Syracuse,	29	35	2	0
Troy,	56	42	1	5
Utica,	56	42	5	7
Westchester,	60	39	5	4
Total,	1026	799	74	107

* According to the Minutes of the General Assembly, 1882.

III. ELMIRA FEMALE COLLEGE.

1. STATEMENT OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES, JULY 1ST, 1882.

I. ASSETS.

Estimated Value of Grounds and Buildings,	\$150,000.00
President's House and Grounds,	8,000.00
Two City Lots,	1,500.00
Furniture of College,	10,000.00
Library,	4,000.00
Collections and Apparatus,	4,000.00
Musical Instruments,	7,000.00
Total,	<u>\$184,500.00</u>

Invested Assets:

State Endowment,	\$50,000.00
" Benjamin " Aid Fund,	23,500.00
Street Railway Bonds,	4,000.00
Memorial Fund,	1,000.00
Interest on " Benjamin " Endowment Fund,	6,100.00
Grand Total,	<u>\$84,600.00</u>
	<u>\$269,100.00</u>

II. LIABILITIES.

Bond and Mortgage,	\$25,000.00
College Bonds held by the Endowment Fund,	9,500.00
Total,	<u>\$34,500.00</u>
Floating Debt:	
Treasurer's Notes,	\$15,000.00
Overdraft,	3,326.68
Interest due Endowment Fund,	1,170.00
Total,	<u>\$19,496.68</u>

III. REVENUE.

Board and Tuition Fees, Collected,	\$21,245.55
Outstanding,	2,010.00
Interest on Investments, Collected,	2,824.32
Not Collected,	2,272.50
Total,	<u>\$28,352.37</u>

IV. EXPENDITURES.

Ordinary:	
Salaries,	\$13,329.96
Provisions,	7,011.98
Interest on Debt,	1,632.55
Repairs,	725.54
Advertising and Catalogue,	761.33
Library,	29.50
Fuel,	1,368.27
Furniture,	1,326.28
Taxes,	164.47
Labor,	3,908.87
Water,	181.39
Postage,	19.45
Light,	867.42
Insurance,	8.00
	<u>\$31,335.01</u>

Extraordinary :

North wing new brick building, elevator, steam-heating and machinery,	\$18,843.49	
Extra repairs,	1,500.00	
Mortgages discharged,	10,072.63	\$30,416.12
Total,		\$61,751.13
Deficiency for the year,		\$2,982.64
Floating debt unprovided for,		\$19,496.68

2. BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF ELMIRA FEMALE COLLEGE.

Term of Office Expiring in 1883.

General Alexander S. Diven, Elmira.	Rev. B. M. Goldsmith, D. D., Bellona.
Daniel R. Pratt, Esq., Elmira.	Jackson Richardson, Esq. [Epis-
Francis Hall, Esq., Elmira.	copal], Elmira.
	Hon. John N. Hungerford, Corning.

Term of Office Expiring in 1884.

Rev. A. W. Cowles, D. D., Elmira.	Rev. J. B. Thompson, D. D. [Reformed],
Rev. Wm. E. Knox, D. D., Elmira.	Catskill.
Rev. Geo. C. Curtis, D. D., Canandaigua.	Rev. James M. Platt, Bath.
Rev. Wm. Hogarth, D. D., Geneva.	D. W. McWilliams, Esq., Brooklyn.

Term of Office Expiring in 1885.

Hon. John T. Rathbun, Elmira.	Rev. Henry A. Nelson, D. D., Geneva.
Hon. John I. Nicks [Methodist Epis-	Rev. Wilson Phraner, D. D., Sing Sing.
copal], Elmira.	Hon. Seymour Dexter [Congregational],
Newton P. Fassett, Esq. [Baptist], Elmira.	Elmira.
	Newton P. Fassett, <i>Secretary and Treasurer.</i>

3. EXAMINING COMMITTEE OF ELMIRA FEMALE COLLEGE.

Term of Office Expiring in 1883.

Rev. Charles C. Carr, Horse Heads.	Rev. Samuel W. Pratt, Campbell.
	Rev. Franklin S. Howe, Burdett.

Term of Office Expiring in 1884.

Rev. Charles C. Hemenway, Auburn.	Rev. Stanley D. Jewell, Big Flats.
	Rev. D. Henry Palmer, Penn Yan.

Term of Office Expiring in 1885.

Rev. James M. Platt, Bath.	Rev. J. Jermain Porter, D. D., Phelps.
	Rev. Samuel Dunham, Binghamton.

IV. PERMANENT OFFICERS OF THE PRESBYTERIES.

1. ALBANY : *Stated Clerk*, Rev. James N. Crocker, Saratoga Springs.
Treasurer, Archibald McClure, Albany.
2. BINGHAMTON : *Stated Clerk*, Rev. Isaac G. Ogden, Nineveh.
Treasurer, Rev. Samuel Dunham, Binghamton.
3. BOSTON : *Stated Clerk*, Rev. Robert Court, Lowell, Mass.
Treasurer, Rev. Robert Court, Lowell, Mass.
4. BROOKLYN : *Stated Clerk*, Rev. Lewis R. Foote, Brooklyn.
Treasurer, John Aikman, Brooklyn.

5. BUFFALO : *Stated Clerk*, Rev. William Waith, Lancaster.
Treasurer, Stephen M. Clement, Buffalo.
6. CAYUGA : *Stated Clerk*, Rev. Charles Hawley, D. D., Auburn.
Treasurer, Rev. Wallace B. Lucas, Meridian.
7. CHAMPLAIN : *Stated Clerk*, Rev. Peter J. H. Myers, Chazy.
Treasurer, Rev. Peter J. H. Myers, Chazy.
8. CHEMUNG : *Stated Clerk*, Rev. Charles C. Carr, Horse Heads.
Treasurer, Rev. Charles C. Carr, Horse Heads.
9. COLUMBIA : *Stated Clerk*, Rev. George W. Warner,* Canaan Four Corners.
Treasurer, Rev. George W. Warner, Canaan Four Corners.
10. GENESEE : *Stated Clerk*, Rev. Joseph E. Nassau, D. D., Warsaw.
Treasurer, Rev. John Wickes, Attica.
11. GENESEE VALLEY : *Stated Clerk*, Rev. John C. Taylor, Cuba.
Treasurer, Rev. John C. Taylor, Cuba.
12. GENEVA : *Stated Clerk*, Rev. Benjamin M. Goldsmith, D. D., Bellona.
Treasurer, Rev. Samuel H. Gridley, D. D., Waterloo.
13. HUDSON : *Stated Clerk*, Rev. Henry A. Harlow, Goshen.
Treasurer, Rev. Charles Beattie, Middletown.
14. LONG ISLAND : *Stated Clerk*, Rev. Ephraim Whitaker, D. D., Southold.
Treasurer, Rev. William H. Littel, Setauket.
15. LYONS : *Stated Clerk*, Henry M. Clark [Elder], East Palmyra.
Treasurer, Henry M. Clark [Elder], East Palmyra.
16. NASSAU : *Stated Clerk*, Rev. Alexander G. Russell, Oyster Bay.
Treasurer, William B. Robinson, Glencove.
17. NEW-YORK : *Stated Clerk*, Rev. Samuel D. Alexander, D. D., New-York City.
Treasurer, Anson D. F. Randolph, New-York City.
18. NIAGARA : *Stated Clerk*, Rev. Edward P. Marvin, Lockport.
Treasurer, Rev. Edward P. Marvin, Lockport.
19. NORTH RIVER : *Stated Clerk*, Rev. Fenwick T. Williams, Poughkeepsie.
Treasurer, M. C. Belknap, Newburgh.
20. OROOMIAH : *Stated Clerk*, Rev. John H. Shedd, D. D., Oroomiah.
21. OTSEGO : *Stated Clerk*, Rev. Horace H. Allen, Oneonta.
Treasurer, Rev. Horace H. Allen, Oneonta.
22. ROCHESTER : *Stated Clerk*, Rev. Levi Parsons, D. D., Mt. Morris.
Treasurer, J. E. Pierpont, Rochester.
23. ST. LAWRENCE : *Stated Clerk*, Rev. James Gardner, D. D., Canton.
Treasurer, Rev. James Gardner, D. D., Canton.
24. SIAM : *Stated Clerk*, Rev. Samuel G. McFarland, D. D., Bangkok.
25. STEUBEN : *Stated Clerk*, Rev. James M. Platt, Bath.
Treasurer, Rev. James M. Platt, Bath.
26. SYRACUSE : *Stated Clerk*, Rev. Alfred H. Fahnestock, Syracuse.
Treasurer, Rev. Alfred H. Fahnestock, Syracuse.
27. TROY : *Stated Clerk*, Rev. William Irvin, D. D., Troy.
Treasurer, D. H. Humphrey, Lansingburgh.
28. UTICA : *Stated Clerk*, Rev. Dana W. Bigelow, Utica.
Treasurer, Timothy Parker, Utica.
29. WESTCHESTER : *Stated Clerk*, Rev. Carson W. Adams, D. D., New-York City.
Treasurer, Rev. Carson W. Adams, D. D., New-York City.

* Deceased since the meeting of the Synod.



